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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1938

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Cercle Sportif Français will be held in the Club House TO-DAY, April 19, 1938 at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Passing of the accounts for 1937.
Alterations to rules.
Election of the various Committees.

Members desirous of bringing forward a resolution on any special matter should send the same in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the Meeting. **(Rule 31)**

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As a result of Rule 27 only the names of Members requesting so by Letter will be put on the lists of the various Sub-Committees.

Pour le Comité et Par Ordre,
L. MATHIEU,
Le Secrétaire.
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(Sgd.) J. C. Greig,
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Shanghai, April 19, 1938.
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20 A.D.C., French Without Tears, Lyc, 9
21 A.D.C., French Without Tears, Lyc, 9
22 A.D.C., French Without Tears, Lyc, 9
23 Royal Society of St. George, Reception and Dance, Country Club, 7.30
23 A.D.C., French Without Tears, Lyc, 9
24 S.M. Orchestra Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
25 Soiree Artistique et Dansante, French Club, 9
25 Abbot Chao Kung's Lecture, Mystery of the World, Brit. Masonic Hall
25 Engineering Society mtg., 5.45
26 A.W.C. Bridge Party, 2.30
26 S'hai Opera, Lyceum, S. Zorich's Gala-Performance, "La Boheme," 8.30
28 B.W.A. Variety Tea and Ent'ment, 4
28 B.U.S.C., ann. din. dan. Park Hot., 7.30
28 Det Norske Samfgun i Kina medlemsmte med middag i Cercle Sportif Francais, kl. 8
28 K. Orlovskaya's gala perform., 'A Little Dutch Girl', Lt. Opera, Lyceum, 8.30
29 A.W.C., 3 One-Act Plays, 8.30
29 Abbot Chao Kung's Lecture, Mystery of Life, Brit. Masonic Hall
30 "A Little Dutch Girl," Lt. Opera, Lyc. 8.30

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1 "A Little Dutch Girl," Lt. Opera, Lyc. 8.30
2 Engineering Society mtg., 5.15
4 Abott Chao Kung's Lecture, Mystery of the Self, Brit. Masonic Hall
5 Theosophical Society open mtg. 153 Nanking Road, public invited, 6
6 Masonic Ball, Cercle Sport. Franc. 9.30
6 German A.D.C., "Der Geheimvertrag," Lyceum, 9
6 A.W.C. Charity Ball, for School for Russian Children, 8
6 "Dido and Aeneas," etc., Collège Municipal Français, 11 Vallon, 9
7 "Dido and Aeneas," 5 and 9
14 Fun Fair and Needlework Sale, Swiss Club, at 2.30
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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 15 to April 22, 1938, both days inclusive.

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(2) To declare a dividend.
(3) To elect a Director.
(4) To elect Auditors.
(5) To transact other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 16 to April 22, 1938, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 14 to April 20, 1938, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 15 to April 21, 1938, both days inclusive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Municipal Orchestra:
The Shanghai Mind Again

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—RATEPAYER and JUNIUS SECUNDUS in today's issue of the "N.C.D.N." show a profound lack of understanding of Shanghai and its mind.

In the first place, to compare the Orchestra—a necessity (cultural) for this prosperous city (vide Messrs. Arnhold and Harris)—in the same breath with a hospital is simply outrageous and is not done in the best society and a third-class ward at that—the poor devils who go there are lucky to be allowed to live anyway.

If the general public show such a blessed, fatuous acceptance of the vapourings of trained hot-air vendors at public gatherings, they should not expect anything but contemptuous kicks in their citizenship pants, and deserve all they get.

Nor should Ratepayer be surprised at personalities levelled at Mr. Stewart—as offensive personalities are an indication of ill-breeding, but they are generally quietly ignored.

CYNIC.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

A Municipal Mascot ?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is a little late for me to add my tribute to our Orchestra, but although for many years I have opposed its retention, I cannot but feel glad that this year it is to remain with us. I never go to hear it, but I do feel that it has become a kind of mascot, a thing without which we should feel very very lonely, and that the ratepayers' annual meeting would dwindle in interest had we not the hope of what has come to be an annual amendment. I may say that at the "Beggar's Opera" I felt very greatly touched as I watched the entry of the Maestro and his selected band in their charming period dresses—and I think that I can date my feeling of affection for our Orchestra from that night.

SWING.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

Shanghai Musical Morons

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—What a pity! What a great pity that A.N.R. did not write his letter a week ago. If it portrays the type of musical excitement craved by the general public of Shanghai, then surely it is a stronger argument than any produced by Mr. Stewart for the abolition of the Municipal Orchestra.

However, since when has Schubert's "Unfinished" become "popular?" Or perhaps one should ask—what has caused this glorious piece of music to be classed as a stable companion with the terribly banal overture to William Tell? Probably only because it has become a background to the antics of film actors. With this attitude towards Schubert, how are we ever going to understand the application of his words: "What the public most relish is that which has given me the greatest distress."

All fourteen of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies were written for the pianoforte, as was Weber's "Invitation to the Dance"—somehow I don't think that they would be appreciated quite so much in that form by Shanghai-ites, besides one can have these items orchestrated in all sorts of forms in most restaurants as a background to the gurgling of soup, while the "Poet and Peasant" takes pride of place in the repertoire of every village band.

While we must be grateful that the Orchestra has been retained let it not mean that Maestro Paci must prostitute his art to tickle the false palates of the musical morons of Shanghai, especially as those same M.M.'s can get all the musical tripe they want, together with the added pleasure of movie S.A., at the same price and fourteen times a week.

L. B.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

On Books
Best List for Castaway

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your editorial entitled "On Books" that appeared in the edition of Sunday, April 17, calls for another view of the matter as expressed in the letter that follows. This is taken from "The Saturday Review of Literature," Oct. 9, 1937, p.9, and was written by Paul Popenoe, of Los Angeles, California, to the Editor of the "SRL."

Closing a Long Controversy

Sir,—Ever since I can remember, people anxious to advertise their culture have been making lists of 10 books to be taken when wrecked on a desert island. In every instance that I can recall, the selection was on a neurotic basis. The latest illustration is furnished by 3 western college professors, each of whom starts off dutifully with "The Bible and Shakespeare." In the first place, if they are the men they ought to be, they would know the Bible and Shakespeare so well that it would be needless to encumber their luggage with the volumes. In the second place, what possible benefit could a castaway derive from these old standbys? Perhaps a man feels virtuous to think that the rescue party will discover him dead on the beach, the Bible clasped in one hand and Shakespeare in the other. Anyway, he'll be dead. Any list of the best 10 books for a castaway must, if it is made up realistically, be about as follows:

1. A book on camping and woodcraft.
2. A book on building and managing small boats.
3. The best atlas possible.
4. A popular book on astronomy.
5. A treatise on human anatomy.
6. A treatise on human physiology.
7. A popular handbook on medicine and hygiene.
8. A book on gardening and horticulture.
9. J. C. Willis's "Manual and dictionary of flowering plants and ferns" (for identification of useful flora).
10. The Columbia Encyclopedia."

Somehow, we would like to meet Mr. Paul Popenoe of Los Angeles, California; he impresses us as a man of rare understanding.

T.H.

Shanghai, April 17

The Basket Fair :
Feared Danger of Infection

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As a resident of the part of Bubbling Well Road, where the Basket Fair usually takes place, may I draw the attention of the authorities and the public to the danger of infection and epidemics that may very likely be caused by one of the busiest streets becoming for eight days the camping ground of traders from areas outside the Settlement, where the war has left behind decomposed bodies and generally insanitary conditions. The inevitable thick crowds would naturally increase the danger of a spread of disease.

The Council could cancel the Fair by making use of their powers under the Emergency Regulations, but should same not be feasible, it will become the duty of the Council to organize daily disinfection and take measures to prevent overcrowding by spacing the stalls and limiting the influx of people.

A PARENT.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

Cribbage Rules:
In "Hoyle's Book of Games"

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to FIFTEEN Two's enquiry about rules for Cribbage. The S. M. C. Public Library (66 Nanking Road) has Hoyle's Book of Games, where on page 194 Cribbage is described in detail.

The book may be obtained on application at the charging desk at any time from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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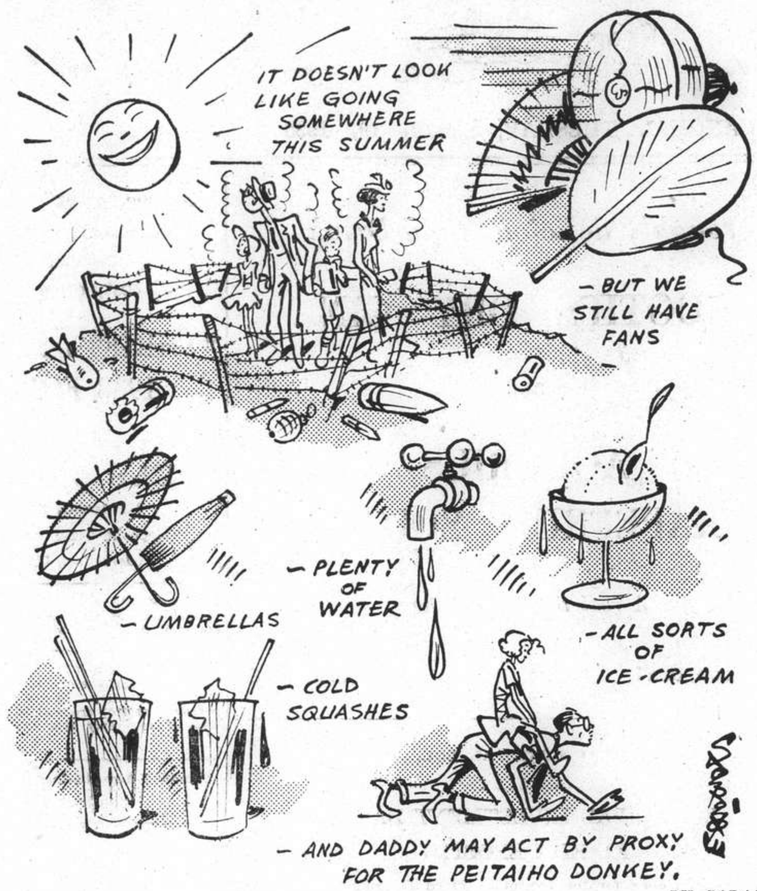
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An "Ersatz" Summer for Shanghai.

Travels in Arabia Formerly Risky
Before 1800 Huge Arabian Peninsular Almost Blank On Western Maps

The visit paid recently to Saudi Arabia by the Earl and Countess of Athlone, as guests of King Abdul Aziz, is of far more interest than most ceremonial tours undertaken by royalty, states "Manchester Guardian." It is not so much because the country is picturesque, or because their host is one of the most romantic rulers in the world to-day; what is remarkable is that the visit should be possible at all.

Before 1800 the huge Arabian peninsula was almost a blank on Western maps. The coasts were known to a few sailors, but the dangers surrounding a foreigner who wished to penetrate inland easily outweighed the possible profits; no one, in fact, could believe that there were any profits.

An Adventure

Then in the nineteenth century came a regular succession of explorers, some on official missions, some for reasons of archæology or natural history, and others (and this is true of all of them in part) for the simple love of adventure. For to penetrate Arabia remained a considerable adventure; it needed great powers of endurance and tact and, whether the journey was undertaken in disguise or not, linguistic skill and a thorough knowledge of Arab ways. The Hedjaz, more accessible from the west, was naturally better and more quickly known than the interior. Aden, the Hadramut, Bahrain, Muscat, passed under British control or influence. But the heart of the peninsula remained fiercely independent, and at Hiyel and Riyad arose two powerful, usually hostile dynasties.

First European

When Lewis Pelly, Political Resident on the Persain Gulf, penetrated to Riyad in 1865 he was told by the Emir Feisal that he was the first European to visit the town. As one of the objects of Pelly's journey was to fix the position of the Emir's capital on the map that was not a surprising statement, though it was not, in fact, correct . Two years before William Gifford Palgrave had reached Riyad from the north, in disguise on a mission of inquiry for Napoleon III. It is there that the Earl and Countess of Athlone have been entertained by Ibn Saud's eldest son. Palgrave wrote of his first sight of Riyad:

In all the countries which I have visited, and they are many, seldom has it been mine to survey a landscape equal to this in beauty and in historical meaning, rich and full alike to mind and eye. . . . All around, for full over three miles over the surrounding plain, waved a sea of palm trees above green fields and well-watered gardens; while the singing, droning sound of the water-wheels reached us even where we had halted, at a quarter of a mile or more from the nearest town walls.

Palgrave knew that if his identity were discovered he would probably be killed; now, little over seventy years later, the unknown town can be reached in perfect safety and reasonable comfort by motor. Palgrave and his fellow-explorers would never have believed that such security for Europeans could have followed as a result of the triumph of the Saudian dynasty.

Riyad was a sort of Arabian Geneva, base of the Wahabis, the fierce, destructive Puritans of Islam, intolerant of foreigners, suspicious and condemnatory of their customs. Europeans reciprocated that dislike, grudgingly admitted the order that prevailed under the Wahabis, but pointed to the enormous cost at which it had been obtained and was preserved. Now Ibn Saud has persuaded his Wahabi followers that aeroplanes, Western machinery, and motor-cars are not incompatible with the strictest interpretation of the Koran; he has persuaded them to welcome and entertain (selected) foreigners. It is a considerable achievement. But the huge southern desert still remains almost a blank on our maps and consequently a magnet for persevering explorers; perhaps a hundred years have changed Arabia in degree only and not in kind.

Seven Years Sentence For Gun Affray
Court Tribute Paid to Shot Policeman

Sentence of seven years' penal servitude was passed at the Old Bailey recently on Bernard Cooper, 30, a plumber, of no fixed home, for the shooting of P.c. Mathew Bursnall at Lancaster-gate, W., on December 21, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

Cooper was found not guilty of shooting with intent to murder but guilty of shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm and of using a pistol with intent to resist arrest.

It was alleged that after an altercation in a taxicab. Bursnall was called to Cooper, who was under the influence of drink. He was about to arrest him when Cooper shot him through the body with an automatic pistol.

Bursnall chased Cooper and felled him with his truncheon. He then collapsed and was in hospital for three weeks.

Mr. Justice Hawke, summing up, said that the bullet missed the constable's heart by 2½in.

The jury may wonder, he commented, what the result would have been before modern surgery became what it is today.

Addressing Cooper, the judge said: I daresay the jury have taken a proper view that you had no intent to kill. They might well have taken another view, seeing that you used a lethal weapon within inches of a man's body.

After sentence had been passed, the foreman read a tribute by the jury, which said:

"We consider that by his courage and grit in chasing and capturing the prisoner after he himself had been dangerously wounded, the constable worthily upheld the highest traditions of the police force."

Mr. Justice Hawke remarked that he was going to say practically the same thing.

Appeal Against Drugs Convictions Succeeds
Two Men Sent to Prison Discharged, Given Costs

Two men who had been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by Mr. E. C. P. Boyd, the Marlborough Street magistrate, for alleged offences under the Dangerous Drugs Regulations successfully appealed at London Sessions recently against conviction and sentence. The convictions were not supported and the men were discharged, states the "Manchester Guardian."

They were Robert Edward Clement, who had been sentenced to three months' hard labour for possessing 116 grains of diamorphine hydrochloride, being not duly authorized, and Thomas Robert Brookins, stated to be an American citizen, who had been sentenced to one month in the second division and recommended for deportation for possessing 75 grains of the same drug.

Mr. G. G. Raphael, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that the facts of the case were a little unusual.

On January 5 a telephone message was received at Scotland Yard as the result of which an officer went to the West End and there found two registered letters addressed to the appellants. These letters were found to contain the dangerous drugs which were the subject of these proceedings.

They were accepted and signed for by a servant on the premises to which they were addressed, and in these circumstances "possession" was complete under the regulations. Both appellants were subsequently seen by the police and made statements to the effect that this was a "plant" and that the letters and contents were sent by somebody who was vindictive towards them and who was trying to do them some harm.

In those circumstances it was the duty of the police to institute these proceedings, the burden of answering the charges being upon the appellants. The conversation over the telephone to Scotland Yard was not admissible in evidence, and Mr. Boyd had no other course open to him but to convict. Since the convictions further inquiries had been made by the police.

Technical Possession

The result of these means, said Mr. Raphael, that an impartial mind could say now it is at least possible that both these appellants were victims of a plant, in the sense that they were being put into possession of these dangerous drugs contrary to their wishes. Therefore, only in a technical sense were they in possession of them. In the circumstances the Director of Public Prosecutions takes the view that he should not support those convictions.

He was asked to say that it was not a case where costs should be awarded against the public. Putting it at its highest, the two men were the victims of some vindictive person, and it was one thing to say they should not be convicted of an offence which was thereby disclosed and another to say that the public should bear the cost of the investigations into the facts.

Mr. John Maude and Mr. J. C. Phipps, who appeared for the appellants, asked for costs. Mr. Maude suggested twenty guineas, saying that as a result of the prosecution the men had been ruined.

The Chairman, Mr. Eustace Fulton, allowing the appeals, said, "Each of you can have fifteen guineas."

Sixty Years Ago

"FROM THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF APRIL 19, 1878

From Foochow:—The Foochow "Herald" says:—It is stated in native official circles that Ting Futai will not return to office as Governor of the province. His Excellency has, it hears, obtained a further extension of leave, and as this is the third application for furlough that has been granted him, he will now, the "Herald" believes, be permitted to retire from the public service of China, should he desire to do so. Total subscriptions to the local China Famine Relief Fund exceed $4,300 the whole of which has been remitted to the Central Committee at Shanghai. The annual custom of visiting ancestral shrines has, the "Herald" says, led to quite an animated scene on the hillside during the past week. The Great Northern Telegraph Company has re-established an agency at Foochow.

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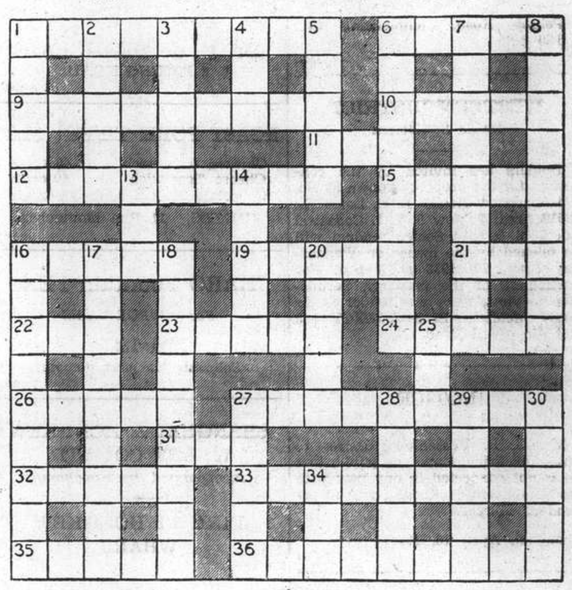

ACROSS

1 Oppose by means of a rally apparently
6 Town of Italy
9 Bearing
10 A matter of course in the skies
11 China part of London
12 "Felt Surly" (anag.)
15 Unnecessary instruction to a mean housekeeper
16 An early experiment in sweet-making perhaps
19 This tree supplies a Dominion emblem
21 "For in my youth I never did apply —and rebellious liquors in my my blood" ("As You Like It")
22 This marks the much used way
23 This lot of beasts would be the care of its "comparative"
24 Famous actor
26 A foreign gentleman
27 Let out, this vehicle would be bigger
31 "His Acts being seven——s" ("As You Like It")
32 This lake is part of the Panama Canal
33 Is this fairy an "ingrate?"
35 Far from voluble
36 American president

DOWN

1 This bird and its mate are together useful to anglers
2 "Thou are not for the fashion of these —— where none will sweat but for promotion ("As You Like It")
3 Often a symbol of office
4 Gone by
5 English shire
6 The look-out herein should be black
7 "Brush pile" (anag.)
8 What dislike makes a person disobey the "Keep off the Grass" notice?
13 One of the farmer's flock
14 An unpleasant place for part of the body and nothing more
16 Care for the future which helps a marksman
17 Part of a bomb perhaps
18 A famous explorer's ship
20 Song from an ape
25 Bird
27 A composer of tuneful music
28 A flower got up
29 Town of France
30 A palindrome
34 Sound disaproval

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22.30 Concert (B), (P)
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23.25 BBC Men's Chorus (D)
24.00 News (D), (R)
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00.40 "Waltzing Matilda," 2 (D)
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Mix-up After a London Social Gathering
When Nudists Have Party Its Hard on Cloakroom

There was a mix-up after a West London social gathering recently. A unique mix-up—involving everybody's clothes. All of them. It took one man nearly an hour to collect all his garments and get himself dressed.

The floors of the changing rooms were almost knee deep in clothing. He found his shirt and tie in one corner, trousers and socks somewhere in the middle of the room, and his coat—mercifully—hanging up on a peg. Search for shoes ended under a tall pile of clothes, many yards from the rest of his belongings.

It happened to be a meet of about 300 nudists—a "social" evening of the Sun and Air Association. It was held in a gymnasium and was the first of its kind to which the members were allowed to take guests.

Highlight of the occasion was the conjurer. You would think that a conjurer without coat sleeves and special pockets—or any other item of apparel, for that matter—would be as futile as a fish out of water.

But no. For half an hour this wizard-in-the-raw stood and mystified an audience as completely as any top-hatted gentleman on the stage ever did. He made things appear and disappear, made tightly knotted handkerchiefs untie themselves. He pushed a metal bar through a sheet of glass without apparently breaking the glass. He even produced cards from behind people's naked shoulders and necks. Tea and soft drinks were provided.

For more than two hours the gymnasium was packed with men and women, wearing no clothes, and looking all rather pink except one darker Indian figure. They exercised, played games, sang songs.

The success of the evening and its attendance—many had to be turned away—surprised even the association's optimistic secretary, Miss Marian Lili. This is the first 'social' of its kind, she told a representative of the "Sunday Express," who attended, also in the nude.

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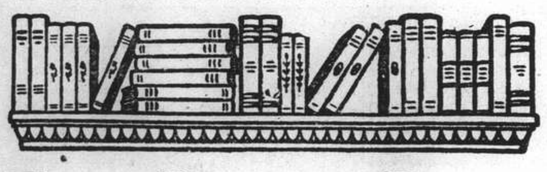

THE BOOK PAGE

The Breath of Life

WORLD'S WONDER And Other Essays. By Marjorie Bowen. Hutchinson, London. 10/6.

Marjorie Bowen is probably one of the most interesting writers on historical subjects living at the present time. To an important list of biographies in which she has managed successfully to breathe life into the dead bones of history, she has added a substantial number of interesting novels, some of which have followed historical subjects. They have invariably proved delightful reading, and this present volume, chiefly of historical essays, is no exception to the general rule. "World's Wonder" is Frederick II of Hohenstaufen, the young Sicilian prince called by Pope Innocent III from his minor principality to assume the enormous dignity and importance of Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. It is a wonderful story the tale of how this young married man of seventeen years of age by a swift series of movements, after having sworn his allegiance to the Pope, countered the opposition which was presented against him in the empire which he went to rule over and eventually secured domination of that very romantic aggregation of states. Innocent III did not live long after the accession of Frederick II, and subsequently we find him in conflict with Honorius III over the subject of the Crusades. But he died quickly and the struggle which went on between him and the young Frederick, which had been so intimate and courteous, eventually became a fight in good earnest between Frederick and Gregory IX.

By the Grace of God Only

The struggle between these two important figures is one of the most dramatic passages in European history. It led eventually to Frederick being excommunicated and, so far as Gregory IX was concerned, deprived of his crown. But it is indicative of the man that when the news of his excommunication and deposition as emperor reached him he took the imperial crown and placed it upon his head, recrowning himself, and uttering as superbly arrogant a reply of human pride to human pride as ever has been made by man:

> I hold my crown of God alone, and neither the Pope nor the Devil, nor the Council, shall rend it from me. Does he, in his vulgar pride, think that he shall hurl me from the Imperial dignity; me, who am the Chief Prince of all the World, who am without an equal?

It is, perhaps, indicative of the man's whole character. Frederick was not a vicious man, he was far too fastidious, too cultured and too intellectual to find any attraction in the gross indulgences of the senses. A sumptuous provider of feasts himself, he was sparing in his food and temperate in his drink, nor did his festivals and banquets ever degenerate into orgies and displays of mere licence and profligacy. Gregory himself was an ascetic, due more to a frozen nature, a gloomy disposition, and extreme old age than to any rigid standard of morals among the priesthood, and there is in the history of this struggle between spiritual and temporal monarchs the contrast of a disorderly irregular papacy and the more correct behaviour of its secular opponent. These repeated fights with the papacy resulted in the main in the emperor's victory, but the virulent hate of arrogant old men had destroyed the fruits of his genius, rendered his great gifts useless, and reduced to a wilderness of confusion, misery and discord, those dominions he had so fondly cherished and so wisely governed. He died at barely fifty-six years of age.

Space and a Queen

This particular essay is easily the best in the book and it leaves the impression that the authoress has turned into an essay of not more than 41 pages excellent material to which justice could only be done in a full-sized volume. There are other absorbing essays in the book under review, but various limitations such as questions of space, indulgence in the art of contraction, etc., have brought about queer arrangements of proportion, with the result that an essay on the imposing subject of Mary Stuart, Queen of England, takes little more space than the one dealing with the poet Edward Young, one of the lesser stars of the Augustan age of English letters. For this reason the book gives an impression of imbalance which is not altogether too pleasing, though there is not the slightest doubt that the very attractive manner in which Miss Bowen handles her subjects will commend the book to most thoughtful readers.—R.T.P.-G.

A Business Man on China

I SPEAK FOR THE CHINESE By Carl Crow. Hamish Hamilton, London. 3/6.

This book is written by a former resident of Shanghai, Mr. Carl Crow, advertising and merchandising agent, who evacuated from Shanghai in the first rush of refugees early in the hostilities in this region, and, therefore, is not in a position to write with first-hand knowledge of events in China since August of last year. As a matter of fact, he wisely does not attempt to do so, but writes of things as he found them prior to that date in both Japan, where he commenced his sojourn in the Orient as business manager of the "Japan Advertiser" some time prior to 1914, and in China, to which country he came later in the period covered by the World War as representative for the United States Government Committee on Public Information.

Indictment of Japan

The title of his book is a misnomer, for its contents do not partake of the nature of a defence of China and the Chinese so much as of an indictment against Japan and her policy along very much the same lines as that in Mr. Morgan Young's book, though not so well set forth, albeit somewhat more readable. For Mr. Crow has an easy amusing style of writing well exemplified in his "400 Million Customers," published about a year ago. There is one thing in the book that many readers in China might take exception to and that is the constant reference to "we foreigners," as though Mr. Crow had been elected spokesman for foreign residents in China, which most definitely is not the case. Especially will this be felt by those—women as well as men—who did not join the ranks of the evacuees in the early days of the trouble, but stayed on and saw things through. It was not fear of the Japanese which prompted the authorities to inaugurate the evacuation of women and children (and any men who wished to join them) from Shanghai in August and September, but fear of what might happen if the Japanese were defeated. Thus Mr. Crow's book, purporting to speak for the Chinese, would have carried much more weight if he had shown the courage of his convictions and his belief in the Chinese as others have done by staying in Shanghai.—A. DE C.S.

For Students of Chinese

A COURSE OF COLLOQUIAL CHINESE In Two Volumes. English Edition. Adapted from the Sixth Russian Edition of Kitaiski Razgavorii Yazik in collaboration with C. Tyrwhitt (Provisional Issue). By S. N. Usoff, Assistant Professor of the Harbin Land Faculty. Vetch, Peiping. $7.50.

Few and far between are those who have a thorough knowledge of the Chinese language, rewarded only after long years of patience and perseverance. Yet it is not at all difficult to master a working knowledge of the official *Kuo Yu* provided the student applies himself first to a few ordinary sentences and their correct pronunciation. He who is endowed with a musical ear will find it easier than his less fortunate brother. But for all this Professor Usoff has compiled a most instructive grammar which is distinctive for its clarity and simplicity.

Wade's Romanization forms the basis of this textbook; and after acquiring the pronunciation correctly the student should concentrate on that musical swing of colloquial Chinese which distinguishes the expert from the mediocre.

Ask a Policeman

Professor Usoff has combined in his book a set of short progressive lessons of a few questions on everyday life and their relative answers. Besides increasing the interest of the student the lessons give an idea of the peculiar formation of a Chinese sentence; and once this has been mastered he should be bold and apply his knowledge by engaging in conversation with, say, a policeman (most of whom come from the North), who, like his London contemporary, is always pleased to assist with answers. Unlike ourselves, the Chinese are eager to help those striving at their language, and the student need have no fear of rebuff.

As regards the number of people speaking this particular dialect, suffice to say that it is being taught in the schools as the official language of China, and should therefore be heard more and more every year. However, the student is strongly advised to study this grammar in company with a Chinese teacher, for the tone of each character is too important to ignore.

A most useful contribution to the West in its search for a better understanding of the Chinese people.—F.R.C.

Wisdom of the Wise

SEVEN HUNDRED CHINESE PROVERBS Translated by Henry H. Hart. Foreword by Patrick Pichi Sun. Stanford University Press, California, and Oxford University Press, London G.$2.00.

There is a common factor operating in the proverbs of all civilizations, and in this translation of 700 Chinese proverbs there are to be found parallels in a large number of other languages. That is inevitable, for proverbs are products of human experience, and humanity the whole world over, progressing through the various stages of evolution, has encountered the same experiences, though on occasion they may be expressed in different ways. Thus Mr. Hart translates one Chinese proverb as follows:

> Your teacher can lead you to the door; the acquiring of learning rests with each person.

An English parallel is not very far to be found concerning the ease of leading a horse to the drinking-trough and the difficulty of getting him to use it. It was a good Chinese horseman who invented the saying: "Leave a little of the tail to whisk off the flies," and very much of a philosopher the man who remarked. "Two barrels of tears will not heal a bruise." "Heaven protects the good man" writes another Chinese philosopher—though some religious authorities have it that the ungodly flourish like the green bay tree. While he who wrote "The first part of a night think of your own follies; the latter part think of the follies of others" is strongly reminiscent of that saying about the mote and the beam. For that reason this little volume is of singular interest, and the reviewer knows that very well, for having read the volume himself he knows that "I heard is not as good as I saw."—R.T.P.-G.

Japan and China

JAPAN'S WAR ON CHINA By A Morgan Young. Fact Ld., London. 6d.

If there is one thing more than another that should make the Japanese Government seriously reconsider its present policy in Eastern Asia and the Pacific region it is the flood of literature that is pouring from the world's presses condemning her undeclared war on China. Whatever the Japanese themselves may think of their conduct, it is abundantly evident that, with the exception of one or two European countries, themselves guilty of similar action, Japan has alienated the sympathies of the people of all countries. Former admirers of the Island Empire and her people have been shocked into taking sides against her in the present conflict, and even those who still maintain some of their sympathy for her in the undoubtedly grave problems she has to face with a rapidly increasing population and no room for expansion find it hard to condone the means she is adopting to solve those problems.

The Author's Credentials

Mr. A Morgan Young, the author of the book here reviewed, was connected with the "Japan Chronicle," published in Kobe, from 1912 to 1936, being the editor of that well-known newspaper from 1922. He was to have returned to Japan from England as correspondent for the "Manchester Guardian," but was prevented from doing so on account of being forbidden entry to the country by the Japanese authorities. Although it must be admitted that this may have to a certain extent antagonized him, it cannot alter the fact that he must be considered an authority on Japan and her policies as a result of his twenty-four years' sojourn in the country occupying a position that must by its very nature have placed him in close touch with what was transpiring there.

The Last Fifty Years

Thus his exposé of events leading up to the 1937 Sino-Japanese hostilities must be accepted, not as anti-Japanese propaganda, but as a documented and authentic account of Japan's policies and action during the past half-century, leaving no shadows of doubt that they have followed along a definite course of conquest of China's territories, in spite of periods of quiescence when non-militarists were in control of the Government, or Western Powers had temporarily frustrated Japan's militaristic designs. The monograph is dealt with under the following headings, the enumeration of which presents an idea of its contents and the manner in which the subject is handled: A "Biological Urge;" The Background; Asia for "Asiatics;" China as Vassal; The Coup of 1931; Murder in Shanghai; Conquest by Drugs; Chinese Nationalism; China's Currency; Time to Strike; Slaughter as a Military Aim; China in Arms; The Battle Line; Japanese Apologists; and Facts and Causes. Crammed full of indisputable and undisputed facts, the whole presents a formidable indictment of Japan and her policy, the admitted aim of which is for Japan to become master of Asia and the Pacific, if not of the whole world. A few minor mistakes may be noted, such as that the Sian *coup*, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was held prisoner by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and his associates, took place early in 1937, whereas it occurred late in 1936; and that it was a shell from a naval big gun which hit the Sincere Building on August 25, whereas it is definitely known to have been a huge bomb. But on the whole the statements contained in the book are accurate and cannot, it might be said, will not, be disputed, even by Japanese and their apologists, though the latter may find justification for them from Japan's own viewpoint, which most decidedly is not that of the rest of humanity. —A. DE C.S.

A China Review

THE CHINESE RECORDER March. 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai. $0.60 Per annum $5.00.

In the current number of "The Chinese Recorder" Dr. Ralph A. Felton, visiting Professor at Nanking Theological Seminary and head of the Rural Church Department in Drew Theological Seminary, contributes a most interesting article on the Rural Church in China. The difference between the financial abilities of the average Chinese congregation and the average foreign congregation is very great and although self-support is making some progress, out of a total annual budget for a small group of quite successful churches or parishes Dr. Felton finds that the Mission contributes 57 per cent. It is estimated that the average gift per member in the Chinese rural church is between $1 and $2 a year. Dr. Felton is of the opinion that this should be doubled—but that the increase should come largely through the gifts of produce and labour. This is a most informative article and gives a real insight into the ruling of some of the churches in China. The Way to Peace is considered by the Rev. G. Francis Gray, of the Church Missionary Society, and in doing so he discusses the ideals of pacifism, economic sanctions and boycott,

> ....even a boycott by individuals of a nation is on one side a clash between nations, and precisely on that side where it is undesirable, since it does not discriminate between innocent and guilty.

and points out that even economic sanctions, if they are likely to be effective, may easily provoke war. Mr. Gray's argument is that we should be prepared in the last resort for war, then it will not come. A broadcast by Dr. Francis Cho-min Wei, President of Central China College, Wuchang, which was made over W.A.B.C. New York on November 28 last, is reproduced under the title The Far Eastern Conflict and the Challenge to Christianity. The Christian Church and War Relief is dealt with by Dr. Robert F. Fitch, while Mrs. Robert Fitch writes on the Tragedy of Willing Workers Without Opportunity to Work and describes the efforts made in the Shanghai refugee camps to provide the inmates with paid work—in which merchants and exporters are only too glad to co-operate—a hopeful little article. An appreciation of the late Dr. Regina M. Bigler is included in this issue, together with book reviews and reports from various mission stations.

Marching, Marching

A glance at **"Rising Tide"** lying in the booksellers' windows suggests by its marching men and waving banners that it is the latest organ of the Right or Left—with the odds on the Left because of its nice red colour. But even a Leftist having parted with a shilling (or its local equivalent) will hardly ask for his money back when he finds it is the magazine of the Oxford Group, for as an example of the photographer's art it is remarkably good and lively. Here are photographs of well-known personalities, of war and preparations for war, of peaceful scenes, and above all of Oxford Groupers smiling with a breezy cheerfulness in all the corners of the world—and the reading matter matches the smiles.

Books Received

Sunburst. L. Schofflocher (Rider, London. 15/-)

FICTION

White Sun. A. Brand (Hutchinson, London. 7/6) **This is My Murder.** M. B. Dix (Ward Lock, London. 3/6)

Wiles of Beggars' Trick Letters

Professional is Usually Educated and can Write A Persistent Appeal

Letter-writing, some say, is a declining art. The Charity Organization Society, which keeps watch on the professional beggar, disagrees. The Poet, Gerald-Geraldine, the Tablecloth Woman, and others who swell the Society's files and the revenue of the Post Office are, it would seem, as industrious and as successful as ever.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, at the annual meeting of the C.O.S., warned the public against these professional beggars. Later, an official told a representative of "The Observer" about the more ingenious and importunate members of the craft.

Many years ago, possibly in the nineties, a certain peer received by post a poem called "An Evening Prayer." It was a very bad poem indeed; but the letter accompanying it was effective. The author, it seemed, had to appeal for contributions to support his wife and children: his position was desperate.

Employs A Secretary

Today, forty years on, the same poem and the same letter pass regularly through the post. The author, who writes openly from his own address, has long exhausted Burke and Debrett and descended to commoners. At present he is working steadily through another alphabetical list, and the C.O.S., which frequently receives inquiries about him, has discovered that he now employs a secretary to send out his poems.

Another writer, with a shorter record than the poet's, has specialised in Members of Parliament. This man, who works under three names and who uses a South London "Poste Restante" address, has a remarkable knowledge of the country. He writes to a Member, claiming to be a constituent, supplying confirmatory detail, and saying that as he has been offered work in Bradford on the following Monday (he encloses the firm's telephone number) he would be grateful for money to pay his fare. On one occasion, the Society found, he was a constituent of four different M.P.s within two days.

Then there is the man who writes to every admiral in the Navy List. He served with them during the War and no doubt they could oblige him with £5. Another man, specialising in Scottish people—his late father, it appears, had often spoken of the particular "victim"—asks always for £6, and begins: "Do not. I beg you, consider this an ordinary begging letter. . ."

Versatile Woman

One of the most versatile writers is a woman at St. Albans. She watches the newspapers carefully and will send to a bride, saying how keenly she remembers her own wedding day, and to a widow, speaking of the loss of her own husband. If anyone has had an accident this woman is certain to have suffered in the same way and would be glad of ten shillings for additional comforts. Her inventive talent is considerable.

During his speech the Archbishop mentioned Gerald-Geraldine. This beggar, also among the more adaptable, lives invariably at "Poste Restante," and his story changes according to the religion of his correspondents. To bishops and other Anglicans he is a Roman Catholic priest who has seen the error of his ways and is starving because of the change in his convictions. To Catholics he is a converted clergyman unable to find work. Lately, changing his sex as well as his beliefs, he has gone from "Gerald" to "Geraldine" — friendless, poverty-stricken, and recovering from a long illness. Oddly enough, he has not altered his handwriting.

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The Woman With the Tablecloth," who has been active since before the War, occupies three volumes in the Society's files. This is because of her engaging habit of sending out a home-made tea-cloth, saying how difficult it was to scrape together money for the materials, and hoping that, if the cloth is not kept, it will be returned with five shillings.

As a rule, the professional beggar is educated and can write a good letter. The public is generous and these writers do well. Probably for every one of their appeals referred to the C.O.S. for investigation four or five others are successful.

Genuinely deserving people, said the C.O.S. official, never beg—in any circumstances. That is why we urge everyone to adapt the maxim, 'Inquire before you give.'

The Poet, the Woman-with-the-Table-cloth, and the Gentleman-in-urgent-need-of-six pounds shudder at such heartlessness.

Judge's Stories of Lancashire Wit

Humorous Anecdotes Told at the Annual Dinner of Lancastrian Association

Lancastrians raised their glasses to "the Duke of Lancaster" when they drank the health of the King at the annual dinner of the Association of Lancastrians in London recently. They sent a message of loyal greetings to the King, whose reply was read by Mr. Justice Atkinson, who presided, states the "Manchester Guardian."

Mr. Justice Atkinson pointed out that Lancashire had several judges on the Bench, but Yorkshire had none. He did not think that the South always appreciated the dry and natural wit of the true Lancastrian, and he went on to quote examples of Lancashire humour in court cases.

There was the husband from Wigan who explained the beginning of some domestic trouble by saying, "Well, truth was, I made up my mind to stay in, but missus 'ad made up her face to go out."

Lancashire Jurymen

Then there was the woman who was applying for damages against the Manchester City Corporation, having fallen off a tram. The evidence showed that it was the woman's own fault, and the judge therefore directed the jury of Lancastrians to return a verdict in favour of the corporation. Two minutes later, however, the jury returned with a verdict which was the exact opposite. On discreet inquiry it was found that the attitude taken by the jury was "look here, tha' 'ere ruddy judge thinks its 'is job to decide this 'ere ruddy case. Well, we'll show 'im." (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Justice Atkinson also showed how juries of Lancastrian men were careful to keep an eye on closing-time. There was the occasion, for example, when one juryman had been able to persuade all the eleven others to his way of thinking. This was how he explained it. Well, it was eleven to one against me, but I told 'em I would sit there all night till they came round to my way of thinking, and as it came near closing-time they came round one by one, and it did not make it any easier for 'em when I brought out me flask and had a swig.

The Wedding Ring

Mr. Justice Atkinson thought that one reason why people in the South did not understand Lancashire better was the language difficulty. Once when he was going to his constituency in Lancashire a man entered the train who said he was going to Manchester to be married next day.

He produced a wedding ring, said Mr. Justice Atkinson, and I remarked 'Eighteen carat?' to which he replied, 'I'm chewing gum. What the hell 'as it got to do with you? (Loud laughter.)

Lord Hewart, Lord Chief Justice, referred to the "effortless superiority" of Lancashire as a county, and went on to say that there was never a moment when that association had so many members. And there was never a moment, he added amid laughter, when the members of this association were so prepared to pay their bills.

Briton Tricks Nazis In Helping Refugees

A New "Scarlet Pimpernel" Who Outwits Them

Nazi persecution in Vienna has produced a modern "Scarlet Pimpernel"—a young English nobleman who, like his famous namesake in the days of the French Revolution, has set himself the task of smuggling his friends out of the city of terror, which the former Austrian capital has become.

The risks he runs in tricking the Nazis were described to a "Daily Sketch" reporter on March 22 by Karl Henneberger, an Austrian now living in London, whose sister he saved from their clutches. During the last ten days, he said, I lived in constant fear for the safety of my sister, who could not get out from Austria in time.

All efforts to get in touch with her had failed, when two days ago I received a mysterious telephone message from a caller who refused to give his name. He said that my sister was safe and he gave me an address and telephone number in Czechoslovakia where I could telephone her.

I knew the voice, but when I asked the speaker to tell me his name he rang off. I immediately put in a call to my sister and told her of the mysterious telephone call. She said to me that it was the man who saved her and many others. But she refused flatly to tell me his name over the telephone. You will know him, she said, just remember, Opera, Vienna, Figaro, last year.

Then I suddenly remembered a young English friend of ours who studied in Vienna. We often went to concerts and theatres together. I knew his address here and went to see him. He received me with his usual quiet smile. So you know, he said. Yes, I have turned "Scarlet Pimpernel." I could not see the tragic misery of my friends in that hopeless city. I have found a good scheme to smuggle them through the closed frontiers and I am returning now for the fourth time.

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FERNANDES.—On Sunday, April 17, 1938, at the Shanghai General Hospital, Mrs. FRANCISCA de SALES CARION FERNANDES, aged 57 years, the dearly-beloved wife of Mr. C. A. Fernandes and mother of Mr. F. Carneiro, Mrs. F. Corish, Mrs. J. Ball, Miss H. Carneiro and Miss C. Fernandes. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. A Requiem Mass will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, April 20, at the Church of The Sacred Heart on Nanzing Road at 8 a.m. to be followed by interment at the Pahsienjao Cemetery at 4 p.m. (Hongkong and Macao papers please copy.)

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THE RUMANIAN COUP

The rapid coup which the Rumanian government made over the week-end should have the effect of bringing about some restoration of that law and order which for some time past has been threatened by the old Iron Guard, which since the end of 1936 has been operating under another name. Throughout the whole of that year Rumania had been kept in a state of unrest by the activities of the extreme Nationalists and kindred bodies. Early in the year a new party was formed by the amalgamation of the Christian League led by Professor Cuza, the National Christian Party, led by the poet, and, for a short time recently Prime Minister, Octavian Goga and secessionists from the National Peasant Party, led by Dr. Alexander Vaida-Voevod, which aimed at government by totalitarian methods and the driving of the Jews and Magyars out of public life. Serious affrays took place between the Cuzists and the members of the National Peasant and Democratic parties, and the government had eventually to issue an order dissolving the quasi-military organizations of the Fascist and anti-Jewish parties, and forbidding the wearing of uniforms by their members. The order was not very strictly enforced and ultimately the Government was accused of insincerity by its critics. This led to M. Tatarescu promising to take a stronger line against all extremists of the Right and the Iron Guard, under the leadership of Capt. Codreanu, the notorious anti-Semite, was in fact dissolved. That did not however put an end to their activities, for they continued under another name, and were responsible for much subterranean work. An alliance with the National Peasant party gave the old Iron Guard an accession of strength with the result that the National Peasant Party recently emerged successfully from the polls, and it looked as though a government inspired with Nazi principles was likely to take control of the country. It was the fear of such a development that led King Carol, to set aside the results of the elections, and call upon M. Goga to form a Cabinet which would not be so extremist as any which Capt. Codreanu and his followers would have been likely to set up. In fact matters did not turn out quite as King Carol had desired, for M. Goga showed himself to be almost as extremist, and the King was eventually forced to take control into his own hands with the assistance of the Patriarch Myron Christea who headed a Cabinet of former Premiers.

That constituted a definite setback to Capt. Codreanu and his party. In February of this year measures were taken by the Government to subdue the Iron Guard once again, and deprived of his press, and strictly under the control and constant surveillance of the Police, Capt. Codreanu decided to make his *coup d'état*. There are various stories regarding what were his intentions, but it seems most probable that all he contemplated doing was to seize Bucharest and appeal to Germany to march in and assist in the establishment of a Nazi Government. The fact that he failed in no way discounts the probability of success had he been able to set things going, for there is a very substantial Nazi element in Rumania, whose numbers might have swelled very quickly had the coup got going and showed any prospects of gaining the day. Capt. Codreanu, however, reckoned without the Police under whose scrutiny he has been for some time, and at the eleventh hour, before he was to make his attempt, the authorities took him into custody and as the result of a swift series of raids completely destroyed any prospects of the scheme being achieved, and placed the main leaders in the hands of the Government. Thus the "All for the Fatherland" group—for that is the new name of the Iron Guard—has had a mortal blow dealt to it, and there is a suggestion, that, while many of those who have been arrested face long terms of imprisonment, the ringleaders when they come to their trial may be sentenced to death for high treason. An important suggestion is carried in a Havas report to the effect that the Ministry of Interior reports that the majority of the organization's members knew nothing of the intentions of the comparatively few involved in the plot, but it is clear that Capt. Codreanu was of the opinion that once he presented the ignorant majority with the *fait accompli* of a *coup d'état*, whether sucessful or not at the time of presentation, they would rally to his support until such time as the anticipated German aid was forthcoming. The Government, however, struck first, and all his plans have been brought to nothing.

The determination of King Carol to be monarch in his own country is, therefore, largely responsible for precipitating the present crisis in Rumania. Had a government been formed from a coalition of the National Peasant Party and the All for the Fatherland group, the King would have found himself in the uncomfortable position of having to act in co-operation with, or, perhaps, even under Capt. Codreanu as dictator. The story of King Carol's career does not justify the belief that he would readily consent to play any such rôle, and his refusal to follow the constitutional results of the recent elections is ample proof of that contention. The destruction of the All for the Fatherland Party does not mean that any serious blow has been dealt the Nazi cause in Rumania. It may have the result of giving King Carol more time in which to consolidate his position and enable him to maintain a better balance between the extremists of the Right and the Left. On the other hand he may be storing up trouble for himself by the unconstitutionality of his acts, for the thwarting of the ambitions of the National Peasant Party cannot have endeared him to that body, which may find itself more and more in opposition to the monarch. Yet again the King has no use for the Communist elements, and he and his Cabinet of Premiers may find the only method of remaining in power will be to play off one set against the other. That is generally a precarious game, but when the parties are as far apart as Nazism and Communism there is no possibility of their ever joining forces to oppose the King, who should have the moderates of both sides behind him. There is consequently more factors tending towards the strengthening of his position than towards weakening it, and though he will find himself considerably extended in dealing with the problems that this unique situation must produce, there is at the present time no reason to believe that he will not succeed in keeping a strong control over the destinies of his country. That at least is devoutly to be hoped for, because the recurrence of crises in that part of Europe must always arouse the gravest anxiety in other countries, a fact which the past few weeks has made unmistakably plain.

Easter Week-End

It was a wonderful Easter week-end—wonderful in more than one respect for it was full of contrast. Shanghai enjoyed a temperature of 82 degrees on Sunday and the pleasant sunshine lured many people to seek the few green spots in this imprisoned district to commune with nature instead of the products of the concrete architectural age, supporting Marvell in

> Annihilating all that's made
> To a green thought in a green shade.

But the world picture differed violently in producing pleasant results on a hallowed day. Paris enjoyed bright, but cool weather. In Berlin there were violent snowstorms which made people suspect something had gone wrong with the calendar. In Palestine, the Holy Land, there was bitter civil commotion in many points and more than 60 people lost their lives in disturbances jarring with significance of the day and the particularly intimate geographic and historical connections of the country with the religion which found birth there. Unhappy China benefitted not one whit from the festival for Hankow and other points came in for unusual attention from Japanese aeroplanes. In Germany, it was reported that a developing movement to give Easter a greatly changed character found widespread expression. Politically, there were cheerful results for the signing of the Anglo-Italian agreement on Saturday, whereby the sources of friction between the two nations are hoped to be removed, provided London newspapers with the thought that it was a happy Easter egg for European politics.

Primrose Day

Today is Primrose Day, the anniversary of the death of that great political figure Benjamin Disraeli, the Earl of Beaconsfield. It is a fascinating piece of reading to watch how the maker of probably the most inept maiden speech in the House of Commons, wound up by telling his hearers that, though they would not then listen to him, a time would come when they would, proceeded through a long career to prove these words, and become one of the finest statesmen Britain has ever had. He was reputed to be inordinately fond of the primrose, a somewhat singular taste in a man of such flamboyant parts. The authority for the statement rests upon a letter sent by Princess Christian accompanying a box of primroses which she sent Disraeli on behalf of Queen Victoria:—

> Mama desires me to send you the accompanying flowers in her name for Mr. Disraeli. She heard him say one day that he was so fond of May and of all those lovely spring flowers that she has ventured to send him these, as they will make his rooms look bright.

And again, if memory serves right the Queen's wreath of primroses sent to his funeral bore the legend "His favourite flower." It is now fifty-seven years ago since Disraeli died. Sufficient time has passed to permit of an estimate being made of the effect of the career of the "Hebrew mountebank," for that is what he was once called at its commencement, had upon the development of the British Empire. There is now no doubt that his wide conception of a British Empire did much to impress upon the British people a proper understanding of their greatness. His idea of empire has undergone some modification, for it now consists of a widely flung commonwealth of nations combined under the acceptance of a common loyalty. Disraeli did not achieve all this himself, though it is undeniable that he set British feet upon the right path, along which others led the nations. In himself and in his policies he showed what could be done in a cold hostile universe by a long youthfulness of heart.

IN PARENTHESIS

Both Ways

"It's a poor man who forgets his wife's birthday," says a writer.

Yes, and a poorer one if he doesn't.

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Undisturbed

"Prisoners have a very comfortable time in jail these days," says a magistrate.

They certainly don't have to get up in the middle of the night to see if the door is bolted.

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Slips that Pass

"A MAN who was charged with being drunk and disorderly," says a newspaper report, "was remanded for a week."

Some wives don't drop it as soon as that.

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Hard Nut

DAD was trying to read, but young Willie was pestering him with questions.

"Dad," he said, "does the ostrich sometimes bury its head in the ground?"

"Yes, yes," replied Dad, testily.

"Then," went on the boy, "how does it remember where it buried it?"

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Violin Mystery

A violinist entered a music shop.

"I want an E-string, if you please," he observed to the man behind the counter.

Nervously producing a box, the new Cockney assistant said: "Would you mind pickin' one out for yourself? Y'know, I 'ardly can tell the 'e's from the she's."

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Effect of Movies

A CAT jumped from a two-storey window, landed on a motorist's lap and caused a crash. It is a pity to let cats see these sensational American films.

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Obvious

"Now, Freddie," said the teacher of an infants class, "if there were five flies on my desk, and I killed one, how many would there be left?"

"One dead one."

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Honesty

"ARE you perfectly honest? If you found £5 in the street, would you take it straight to the police?"

"To be perfectly honest, I would not."

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Strong Pull

A hose was stolen from the garden of a North London house. A particularly muscular early bird is suspected.

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Baffled

A STOWAWAY in an American ship reaching England speaks a language that has puzzled the port officials. Various linguists unsuccessfully tried him with everything from B.B.C. to Damon Runyonese.

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Moving Day

A SCOTSMAN was stripping the wallpaper from the walls of his house when a friend called to see him.

"Weel, Donald," said the latter, "are ye goin' to have a new paper?"

"Na, na," replied Donald. "Ah'm movin'."

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Reasonable

VISITORS You don't mean to tell me that you have lived in this out-of-the-way place for more than 30 years?

Inhabitant: I have.

Visitor: But, really, I can't see what you find to keep you busy.

Inhabitant: Neither can I—that's why I like it.

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A Missed Meal

Two men from neighbouring farms were telling each other their troubles. One was complaining about not getting enough to eat.

"Only this morning," he said, "the cook says to me, 'Do you know how many pancakes you've ate already this morning?' I told her I didn't have occasion to count 'em. 'Well,' says she, 'the last one was the 26th.' And it made me so wild I got up from the table and went to work without my breakfast."

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Smack from the Windward

A BRITISH bluejacket walking down one of New York's busy thoroughfares was stopped by some very youthful American naval cadets. They gathered round him with the remark: "Are you a British bluejacket?"

"Yes, I am," said Jack.

"Well, said one of the American sailors, "we could capture your great fleet and have it in New York harbour in 24 hours."

"That may be so," replied Jack, "but it would take a smarter man than Columbus to discover America the next day."

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Too Modest

PAT was trudging along the road, carrying a large sack of potatoes on his back, when he was overtaken by a man driving a horse and cart.

The driver offered Pat a lift, which he gladly accepted. But he sat there, still with the sack on his back.

"Put them down in the cart," suggested the driver.

"Shure," Pat replied, "I'm thankful for the lift ye give me, but I don't want ye to be burdened with the taters as well."

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

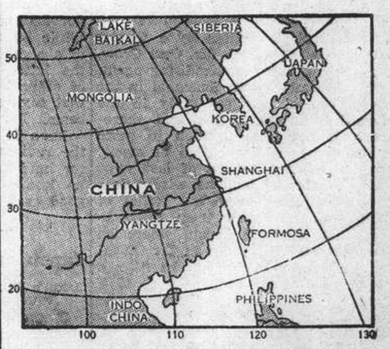
Yesterday	Min.	59.5	Max.	89.0
Same date, 1937	Min.	52.5	Max.	57.0

Rainfall nil.

Siccawei Recording:—

Yesterday	Min.	53.4	Max.	86.7
Same date, 1937	Min.	51.8	Max.	58.6

Siccawei's Report



State on the morning of the 17th:—Normal anti-cyclone over Central China. Deep depression over Manchuria. Winds from the southern quadrant along the China Coast: westerly over the Eastern Sea. Fine to cloudy weather in China and at sea.

State on the morning of the 18th:—Normal and steady pressure. South-westerly breeze. Fine weather.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather with rather fresh winds from the southern quadrant around Shantung. Fine to cloudy and rather hot with moderate southerly to westerly winds over our regions: with local fog over the Eastern Sea and around Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Japanese Offensive in South Shantung

Heavy Fighting Breaks Out at Lingyi: More Chinese Troops Rushed to Battlefront: All Attempts on Yihsien Beaten Back

Hankow, Apr. 18.

THE long awaited Japanese offensive in south-east Shantung has begun. It was started late last night with a fierce attack against Chinese positions in the vicinity of Lingyi. Heavy fighting is still proceeding. The Chinese command is rushing troops to the area.

There is little material change on the Tsinpu front, though plenty activity is reported from that area today. The Japanese at Yihsien made a fierce counter-attack but were driven back. Followed up by 200 members of a "Dare to Die corps, who placed bamboo ladders against the city wall, the Chinese are said to have gained a foothold inside the town.

The Japanese, however, mounted machineguns on the rooftops and forced the Chinese out again.

At Hanchwang, just north of the Grand Canal, on the Tsinpu Railway itself, the Chinese have launched an attack against Hanchwang, but the result of this is not known. Unofficial reports reaching here, however, claim that the Chinese have occupied at least the railway station. —Reuter.

Japanese Reinforced

Hankow, Apr. 18.

Reviewing the military situation, General Hsu Pei-keng, chief of the Intelligence Department of the Generalissimo's headquarters, declared today that so far as was known the Japanese had transferred about one division of the troops operating in north Shansi in the west Suiyuan area, along the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway, to Peiping.

The division had then been transported by train, via Tientsin and Tsinanfu, to Weihsien, on the Tsinan--fu-Tsingtao Railway, for transportation in lorries to the Lingyi sector.

Three-thousand of these Japanese troops, he said, had arrived at the Lingyi front and had launched an offensive against the Chinese positions "without success."

General Hsu pointed out that the Chinese forces were continuing to harass the Japanese on the Peiping-Hankow Railway front in Shansi province, and also in Anhwei and Chekiang provinces, making it impossible for the Japanese to transfer troops to Shantung for the new offensive.

He emphasized, however, that it was possible for the Japanese to send fresh troops from Japan proper and also from Manchuria. Such a step, he added, would "expose Japan to very grave dangers."

The Chinese command, General Hsu explained, were not minimising the importance of the forthcoming operations in southeast Shantung and preparations had already been completed in order to meet any emergency there.—Reuter.

Shansi City Occupied

Peiping, Apr. 18.

Culminating a 12-hour drive from Locheng, the Shibuya detachment of Japanese infantry occupied Tungyucheng in central Shansi at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Japanese Army Garrison announced here today. Part of the detachment continued to advance on Shankuchi.

Other Japanese units this morning lauched a spirited attack on Chiaokowchen, two kilometres north of Fengyang in central Shansi. The town is regarded as a stronghold of Communist troops.

Japanese troops of the Yukino detachment also were reported to be closing in on Chiaokowchen, after defeating about 3,000 Chinese soldiers at Huanchiakow, about 30 kilometres north-east of Fengyang, at 8 o'clock on Saturday night.—Domei.

Ma Chan-shan Defeated

Suiyuan, Apr. 18.

Several thousand Chinese troops under Gen. Ma Chan-shan, with headquarters at Wuchwan, 35 kilometres north of Suiyuan, were dispersed by an encircling drive of the Japanese Hirata, Okamoto and Kunomura units yesterday at Ulan, south of Wuchwan.

Scattered by the Japanese surprise attack, the Chinese were reported to be retreating to the west in confusion, with the Japanese forces in close pursuit.

About 1,000 troops under Gen. Ching Te-chuan, one of Gen. Ma's subordinates, separated from the main force and are falling back to the east of Wuchwan.

Early this month Gen. Ma fled into the Yinshan Mountains from Kaolungtukow, 100 kilometres southwest of Suiyuan, after the troops were defeated in an engagement with Japanese columns.—Domei.

Junks Bombed

Spotted by naval aircraft, a force of about 1,700 Chinese soldiers aboard 70 junks was bombed on Sunday on the Yangtze, about 20 klms. from Nanking, a Japanese Army spokesman said last night.

The force, which was proceeding upstream from a point south of Kiangpu towards Kiolinchen, was said to have suffered "great losses".

In another clash in the vicinity of Nanking, Japanese land and air forces co-operated in turning back a Chinese unit advancing towards Chuhsien from the direction of Chihhoyi.

Chuhsien is about 60 klms. northwest of the former nationalist capital.

A Chinese attack upon Japanese positions in southern Shantung was repulsed on Sunday, the spokesman announced. The exact position of the engagement could not be given.

Tungchow at Normal

Stabilized conditions are rapidly returning to Tungchow (Nantung) on the northern bank of the Yangtze through the efforts of the Japanese military authorities and Peace Preservation Commission, according to Japanese reports.

The majority of stores there have resumed business. On March 28 when the "Reformed Government of the Republic of China" was established at Nanking, five-barred flags were raised over nearly every house in Tungchow.

Eighty policemen chosen from among 100 applicants are engaged in protecting the citizens.

More Air Raids

Japanese naval bombers destroyed several Chinese planes on the ground in a Sunday night raid on the Siao-

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Japanese Plane in Soviet Territory

Gaimusho Reveals How Machine Was Forced To Make Landing

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Negotiations are in progress for the return of a Japanese military plane which made a forced landing in Soviet territory on April 11, a Gaimusho spokesman revealed today.

The machine, he explained, was one of nine flying along the Soviet-Manchoukuo border, near Suifenho, during a storm. Its petrol tanks empty, one plane was forced to make a landing two kilometres east of Tunning.

The Japanese authorities immediately asked the Soviet Government for the return of the plane, now in the custody of Soviet military authorities in Grodekovo.

The Soviet Government filed a protest with the Foreign Office on April 13 against the crossing of the Soviet border by Japanese Army planes.

A Soviet mail plane has been under detention in Harbin for some months.—Domei.

Moscow Dementi

Moscow, Apr. 18.

It is reported from Ulan-Bator that the provocative report of the Japanese newspaper "Yomiuri," alleging that on April 4 twenty soldiers of the Mongolian People's Republic penetrated into Inner Mongolia, occupied Bagur and abducted three Japanese residents, are categorically refuted there.

The report of the newspaper that on April 4 twenty fighters of the Mongolian People's Republic allegedly attacked a point north of Tarinor and after fighting retreated, carrying away three Japanese, is also false.

According to reports received from trustworthy sources, no groups of soldiers of the Mongolian People's Republic ever crossed the border or invaded Inner Mongolia or provoked any conflicts while the reports of "Yomiuri" are nothing else, but a provocational malicious invention of the Japano-Manchurian authorities.—Tass.

Strikes Still Spreading In United States

Pacific Coast Hard Hit in Disputes

San Francisco, Apr. 17.

Two of the nation's big corporations, Ford Motors and Safeway Stores, were involved tonight in two of the many disputes which disturbed capital-labour relations or brought rival unions into jurisdictional disputes on the Pacific Coast.

The action of the Retail Food Clerks Union in calling a general strike against Safeway's 250 stores in southern California and the United Automobile Workers Union strike at the Ford Company plant at Long Beach, Calif., came at the end of a week during which one big dispute was settled and a new jurisdictional battle arose.

The most favourable development was the agreement of Alaska salmon industry workers to go to work pending arbitration of their wage differences.

A new source of trouble arose in the refusal of the Committee for Industrial Organization's International Longshoremens Union to respect the picket lines of the Independent Sailors Union of the Pacific round Shepard Line ships. The ships, owned by an East coast firm, are manned by C.I.O. National Maritime Union sailors.—United Press.

"Overcoat Holiday" In England

Christmas Weather In London

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 18.

It was an "overcoat—holiday" for the millions taking advantage of the Easter recess in England this year.

Winds from the north-east brought snow and showers as far south as Lincolnshire, while the hundreds of thousands who flocked to London found the temperature lower than on Christmas day.

London visitors formed queues at Westminster Abbey where the symbols used during the Coronation were on view for the first time.

All transport records were broken in London where officials praised passengers for their tidiness and care in the disposal of litter.

South and west fared best for weather which was Riviera-like and all resorts were crowded. Typical of the number of visiting holiday makers was Bournemouth where it was estimated that 120,000 persons thronged the beaches and promenades.—Reuter.

Broadbent in Singapore

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Singapore, Apr. 18.

Mr. H. F. Broadbent, the Australian airman, who is attempting to make a new record for a solo flight from Sydney to London, arrived here at 11.35 (B.S.T.) this morning. He left Sydney at 4 p.m. (B.S.T.) three days ago.—Reuter.

Japan's Might Myth Explodes In China War

U.S. Press Foresees Tokyo's Defeat

Washington, Apr. 17.

The myth of Japan's military might has been shattered and it was no longer inconceivable that Japan might face defeat in China because of the recent Chinese successes in Shantung, two Washington newspapers today said in editorials. The "Washington Post" said China's victory in the southern Shangtung areas has crashed to the ground the myths of Japanese military invincibility.

Japan is confronted with a dilemma, the "Post" declared, and with reserve funds and war materials rapidly being exhausted she may ultimately face the alternative of internal exhaustion or a succession of defeats.

"There is no dissolvent of war enthusiasm like defeat," the paper said.

The "Evening Star" believed that Japan's military reversal signified that a Japanese defeat in China was no longer inconceivable.

It cited the Tokyo cabinet crisis as evidence that the reversal already was "shaking the Empire."

Japan's prestige and authority in Asia, based on her supposed irresistible force, has been gravely impaired, the "Evening Star" said.—United Press.

Economic Collapse

New York, Apr. 17.

Japan faces the danger of economic collapse, even if ultimately victorious in China, Mr. Miram Farley declares in the April issue of "Far Eastern Review."

Japan is now building up "a wartime industrial plant which it will be difficult to demobilize after the war without catastrophic effects on national economy, government and finance," the author contends. "Magnitude of the sums demanded indicates that Japan anticipates a continuation of her struggles in China on an undiminished scale for many months."

Mr. Farley estimated that more than Y.7,394,000,000 have been appropriated for Japanese military expenditures since the outbreak of hostilities, with naval and military expenses now constituting thirty per cent. of the annual national income.

Meanwhile, according to Mr. Farley, taxation has increased about two-thirds over the 1936-37 rate, while the national bonded debt from June, 1931, to June, 1937, nearly doubled, and "bond issues thus far authorized since June, 1937, threaten to increase this figure to more than four-fifths."

The author emphasized that "Japan's resources are more and more being diverted into non-productive expenditures."—United Press.

Treasure Trove Found In Northern France

Franco-Prussian War Recalled by Find

Paris, Apr. 18.

During excavations in the town of Bethune in northern France, several cases containing a treasure worth several million francs was discovered by workers.

The treasure, consisting of huge quantities of securities and bank notes dating from the time before 1870, had apparently been hidden during the Franco-German war before the approaching German troops and then fallen into oblivion.

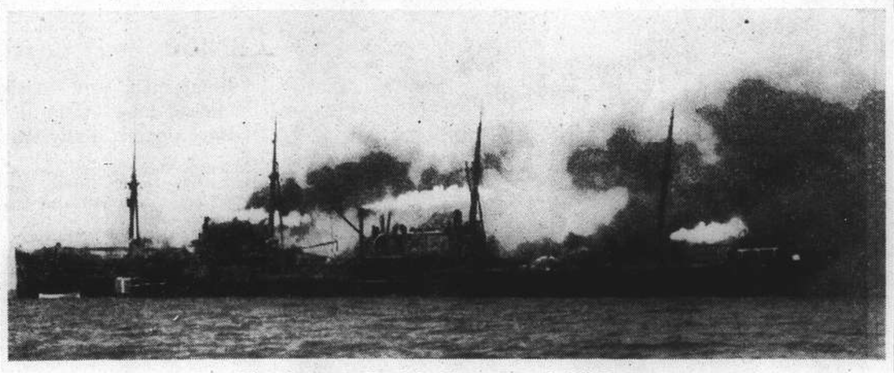
Although a large part of the bank notes and securities has since been withdrawn from circulation, the value of the treasure still amounts to several million francs so that even if the legal owner should turn up, the finders would have earned a nice reward.—Trans-Ocean.

New Glider Record

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Moscow, Apr. 18.

A new record for gliders is claimed by the Soviet flyer Makarov, who remained aloft for nineteen hours and eight minutes in a two-seater machine carrying a passenger. —Reuter.



Fire Destroys Danish Motor-Vessel Off Penang

Briskly ablaze, the m.v. Tongking, of the East Asiatic Company's fleet, is seen above after disaster overtook her near Penang early this month. The vessel, a familiar sight in the Whangpoo in former days, was carrying a cargo of rice when she burst into flames. The fire spread throughout the ship and she had to be abandoned by all hands and left to burn herself out. Six foreign passengers also were brought ashore. The household belongings of several Shanghai Danish residents, now retired and en route home in other vessels, were in the Tongking when she burned and are believed to be a total loss.

British Press Sharply Divided Over Anglo-Italian Pact

Peace Augury, Says "Daily Telegraph;" Betrayal Of Abyssinia, Spain, Declares "Daily Herald"

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 18.

IT is an auspicious first instalment of the policy clearly outlined by Mr. Neville Chamberlain and should lay the foundation for a fresh and lasting understanding, on terms of perfect equality, between Great Britain and the new Italy, says "The Times" today in commenting on the Anglo-Italian Agreement. There is nothing now, the journal continues, to warrant tension in the Mediterranean. The two Empires make a contract only in Africa and on the Sea and the Agreement seems to cover every past or potential cause for difference.

The "Daily Telegraph" hails the Agreement as "a good augury for peace and a signal triumph for Mr. Chamberlain." "At the worst, even if the Agreement fails, the attempt will still have been eminently worthwhile....On the other hand, if it succeeds, as is more probable, it may well mark a turning point in diplomacy and be the prelude to a wider understanding, which will dispel the fears that too long have haunted Europe."

"In the Anglo-Italian Agreement and in all its annexes," comments the "Daily Herald," "there is nothing worth the paper they are written on. Mr. Chamberlain has sealed the betrayal of Abyssinia, arranged for the betrayal of Spain and has struck yet another blow at the League of Nations."

The "Daily Mail" declares that the Agreement has "healed a serious three-years' quarrel and is a triumph for Mr. Chamberlain." The supreme task of European appeasement will receive a strong impetus from what Mr. Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini both hail as the return of British and Italian confidence and friendship, the journal adds.

The "Daily Express" wishes the Agreement well "for it deserves well."

The Agreement, says the "News-Chronicle," is a compact between two Imperialist Powers on a pre-War model...."an appalling measure of the deterioration of international morals since 1936.

"With this pact in one pocket," the newspaper concludes, "and the Rome-Berlin axis in the other, Il Duce will be able, if he chooses, to play off Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler against each other and to take the better bargain in the end.

"The proper way to regard the Agreement at present is as an armistice, rather than a full peace."—Reuter.

Vienna on Rome Accord

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Vienna, Apr. 18.

While expressing their tempered approval of the Anglo-Italian Agreement, the newspapers here pay tributes to the "statesmanship and far-seeing wisdom" of Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The press is unanimously of the conviction that the agreement will "contribute to the appeasement of Europe without impairing the Rome-Berlin axis."

It is stressed that it is not considered probable that the "Stresa Front"—a united France, Italy and Britain—can be restored under present circumstances and it is hoped that France will face the realities of the situation.—Reuter.

Australian Comment

Sydney, Apr. 18.

The signing of the Anglo-Italian agreement has been received in Australia with a feeling of satisfaction, according to a statement made yesterday by the Prime Minister, Mr. T. A. Lyons.

As early as January last, said the Australian Prime Minister in his statement, he drew the attention of the British Government to the need of improving Anglo-Italian relations.

He further stressed the importance as far as Australia was concerned of the reinforcement of the Suez Canal convention by both contracting powers.—Trans-Ocean.

Japan Must Watch Rome Pact Sequel

Gaimusho Reticent As Press Hints Disquiet At Possible Pressure

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

The Anglo-Italian Agreement is received in a critical light in important Japanese circles, which appear to consider that Italy has somewhat transgressed the implications of the Anti-Comintern Pact. Main interest, however, centres on whether the accord presages a stiffer British policy in the Far East.

The spokesman of the Foreign Office, questioned by Reuter today, definitely declines to discuss Japanese reaction to the Pact.

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" declares that the Foreign Office authorities believe the fundamental point of conflict between Britain and Italy cannot be said to have been clearly removed. The newspaper quotes the Foreign Office as saying: "The signing of the accord does not directly influence Far Eastern issues. It is inconceivable that any change should occur in Italy's attitude towards Japan. The pregnant question is Great Britain's attitude towards the Far East.

"In any case, the indirect effects of the accord are a matter of serious concern to Japan."

The "Hochi Shimbun" declares that Japan must watch with deep concern the effects, direct or otherwise, of the Anglo-Italian Agreement, especially since the Soviet's foreign policy immediately reacts to any change in the British policy towards the Far East.

In an editorial, the "Nichi Nichi" says that an Anglo-French rapprochement with Italy will receive a stronger impetus from the Anglo-Italian accord, because, the journal believes, both Great Britain and France think that the best way to maintain peace in Europe at present consists in approaching Herr Hitler through Signor Mussolini. The "Nichi Nichi," however, doubts whether France will obey the logic of such events, namely, the liquidation of the alliance with the Soviet Union.

The newspaper fears that if Great Britain and France approach Italy for a checking influence on Germany, it will only result in an aggravation of the European situation.—Reuter.

Anglo-German Talks Reported Pending

London, Apr. 18.

According to well-informed circles here, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, has under consideration the opening of negotiations with the Reich in a month's time.

Several members of the Cabinet are opposed, believing it impossible to reach an agreement on the problem of Germany's colonial claims. They also believe any concessions, even the mere gesture of opening negotiations, would encourage a German coup in Central Europe similar to that in Austria.

Well-informed circles here think this question will be raised during the visit of the French Premier and the Foreign Minister, M. Edouard Daladier and M. Georges Bonnet.—Havas.

U.S. Republican Onslaught Begun on Pump-priming Recovery Policy

Congress Adjournment May be Delayed Over Big Labour and Spending Legislation Proposals

Washington, Apr. 17.

Answering President Roosevelt's "fireside chat" on credit expansion Mr. John D. M. Hamilton, Republican chieftain who managed Mr. Alf M. Landon's campaign against Mr. Roosevelt in 1936, in a radio broadcast today bitterly criticized economic policies of the New Deal and declared that "its first 'Five Year Plan' has already hit the economic rocks despite forty milliard dollars worth of pump-priming." Business has become paralyzed, Mr. Hamilton said, by President Roosevelt's "wavering economic reform policies.

Mr. Hamilton's speech established the New Deal's current $4,512,000,000 recovery programme as a major campaign issue in Congressional elections this autumn with the Republican Party demanding cessation of "profligate" spending and the taking of "drastic steps" to reassure industry.

Heavier Tax Warning

Warning that the sole means of financing the Roosevelt programme is taxation, Mr. Hamilton declared that "business cannot flourish with the strangling hold of the tax collector on its neck," and reiterated that "one of the major troubles in the present situation is that business is bowed down with taxation.

Earlier today, in a radio debate with Mr. Lister Hill, Democratic Representative of Alabama, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican and a leading contender for the Republicans' 1940 presidential nomination, similarly criticized Administration policies.

Senator Vandenberg maintained that further spending would hurt confidence, impede recovery, help only "the next election."

President Roosevelt today summoned Administration leaders for a conference on Monday on plans to expedite the recovery drive and to break the deadlock on other major legislation now before Congress.

The conference is expected to result in a decision on a probable adjournment date and discussions of the revenue act, on which conferees are now deadlocked, the wages-and-hours bill, now being bitterly debated, and the regional planning bill.

Administration leaders said the President had agreed that pump-priming recovery legislation must be given first attention, including the milliard and a quarter appropriation for the Works Progress Administration and a milliard for Public Works Administration lending projects. Democrats are confident the recovery measures will be enacted quickly, despite bitter Republican opposition.

Southern representatives threaten to "talk to death" the wages-and-hours bill.

Early Adjournment

In case President Roosevelt insists on passage of the wages-and-hours bill, the regional planning bill, revision of the tax system to include securities now exempt from taxation, anti-monopoly legislation, and railway aid measures, early adjournment is considered impossible.

Leaders conferring with the President Monday will include the Vice-President, Mr. John N. Garner; Senator Alben W. Barkley, Speaker of the Senate; Mr. William B. Bankhead, Democratic Representative of Alabama and Speaker of the House, and Mr. Sam Rayburn, Democratic Representative of Texas.—United Press.

Ambassador May Leave Hankow April 24

Hankow, Apr. 18.

Although no definite date has yet been fixed for the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr, to leave Hankow on his way back to Shanghai, tentative arrangements are being made for him to travel in a special train on Sunday, April 24.

Lady Kerr, who had at first intended to return to Chungking and make a tour through Yunnan and Indo-China, has now decided to cancel her trip and return with her husband to Canton and Shanghai.—Reuter.

Soviet Army Chief Dismissed

"Only the Rotten Need Vodka Bottle," States "Red Star" Editorial

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Moscow, Apr. 18.

Koltzoff, one of the Red Army Commissars and a political member of the Central Council of the Air Force, has been dismissed for shielding a drunken officer.

News of the arrest has roused the Red General Staff organ, "Red Star," to allege that Fascist agents are trying to corrupt Red Army officers and political commissars by cultivating endless drinking and debauchery.

It is the Government's intention, the organ declares, to burn out all moral decay in the Red Army "with a red hot iron."

The paper goes on to accuse "Trotsky-Bukharinist" agents of using every possible means to incapacitate military chiefs, even to "pushing women spies into the arms of important army officials and organising all sorts of hard-drinking banquets to recruit officials into criminal gangs."

Claiming, however, that drunkenness is not widespread in the Red Army and can therefore be firmly suppressed, the "Red Star" concludes:

In our joyful days only those who are rotten inside can kill time with the Vodka bottle."—Reuter.

British "Popular Front" Bloc Being Sought

Co-operatives Seek To Organize Opinion

Brighton, Apr. 18.

A resolution favouring the constitution of a Popular Front was adopted here yesterday evening at a private meeting held by the Co-operative Party, a group formed by representatives of labour and commercial co-operative societies.

The resolution declared that the conference had considered proposals for a "united peace alliance" and would appeal to all labour organizations to discuss with the Co-operative party the possibilities of forming an alliance with the object of overthrowing the present Government.

The motion pointed out the present serious international dangers in the form of a world war and Fascist Dictatorship. Aggression, the resolution concluded, was being encouraged by the foreign policy of the present British Government.—Havas.

Vatican Has Lavish Easter Display

Beatification of Two Saints Completed

Vatican City, Apr. 18.

Thousands of torches were illuminated today in the most lavish Easter display of modern times.

In the morning Pope Pius XI accompanied by 28 Cardinals and seventy Bishops took part in beatification services for the Jesuit, Andra Bobola, and the Franciscan, Salvatore Dahorta, founder of the order of Mother Giovanni Leonardi. After the Pope had chanted "Te Deum Laudamas," St. Peter's bells and a fanfare of trumpets resounded through the Papal city.

The weather permitted Pope Pius to come out on the balcony of St. Peter's Church and bless about 100,000 persons gathered in the square below.—United Press

Suiyuan Name Changed

Peiping, Apr. 18.

The name of Suiyuan, largest city in the former Suiyuan province, has been changed to Houho by order of the Mongolian Autonomous Government, it was announced here today. The Mongolian Government officially notified the "Provisional Government of China" and the Japanese Expeditionary Force Headquarters in North China of the change in the city's name.—Domei.

March on Bucharest Foiled

Iron Guard Leader and Adherents Arrested Just in Time by Police; Nazi Coup Nipped

Bucharest, Apr. 18.

A PLOT by Rumanian Nazis to march on Bucharest, stage a coup d'etat there and seize the town was revealed here today following a dramatic last minute swoop by the police which foiled the plot just in time. Captain Cornelius Codreanu, leader of the former "Iron Guard" and staunch pro-Hitler anti-Semite, was leader of the plot. He is now in prison. The hundred of his followers have also been rounded up. The plan is believed in well-informed circles here to have been meant as a prelude to the Nazification of Rumania on lines similar to what has just taken place in Austria.

If the coup had been successful, Cordreanu would have proclaimed himself "dictator" and called on Germany to send him troops across the frontier "to restore order and keep the peace." There is quite a large pro-Nazi element in Rumania and the plot might have had a chance of succeeding, it is felt in usually well-informed circles here.

An official communique issued here declares that all the arrested men who were found in possession of arms are to be tried. This trial will presumably be before the military courts since the country is still under martial law.

It is stated that only a small group of agitators were involved in the attempted coup, the masses of the people remaining calm and going aout their work normally.

Police Statement

It is alleged that Codreanu planned to establish a Nazi dictatorship, according to the police, who state that they have found evidence of the existence of "Iron Guard" cells in various factories.

The police have also acquired possession of a circular letter addressed by Codreanu to local leaders of the "Iron Guard" throughout Rumania in which he makes bitter attacks against the Government and the Patriarch who is also Premier.

"Can you put up any longer with these old ghosts: these old men with their brains dried up?" the letter reads. "We shall no longer make requests. We shall simply take what belongs to us."

The letter also includes orders to Iron Guard Legionaries to obtain new uniforms and weapons and await "the right moment" for a "march on Bucharest, modelled on Mussolini's march on Rome."

Another circular addressed to the "Iron Guard" Legionaries, after quoting the "Horst Wessel" song, Nazi Germany's second national anthem, exhorts the Legionaries to "seize weapons, axes and scythes, and beat the dogs down."

The police have been watching Codreanu for some months. He was arrested after the discovery of letters written by him among the belongings of four monks.

It is believed that the Government is now determined to deal drastically with the "Iron Guard," possibly sending Codreanu to "Snake Island," the barren rock in the Black Sea, where Rumania's political offenders are confined.—Reuter.

German Fuehrer School Enrolment Grows

Camaraderie Between Pupils and Teachers

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Methods of education in the Adolf Hitler schools in Germany, where future leaders in the Third Reich are being formed, reveal a curious similarity to those used in certain Soviet schools.

This year, there are 600 young men who are being educated in these training institutions. They use familiar terms when speaking to their teachers, who are leaders of the Hitler Youth organization. This state of affairs is similar to the "Comrade" manner of address in the U.S.S.R. Actually, firm camaraderie between teachers and pupils inspire the friendly relations.

Teaching in the Adolf Hitler schools during the first year bears chiefly on racial questions. At the end of the year, the pupils' work was put on exposition in the small town of Sonthofen, where the first school of this type was established.—Havas.

Algiers Train Crash

Algiers, Apr. 17.

Five passengers were killed and twelve wounded, three seriously, when the Oran-Algiers Express derailed just two kilometres outside Attafs. The engine of the train crashed on the tracks, while the sleeping car telescoped into the freight car in front.

The accident was caused by sabotage of railway switchings perpetrated by an employee of the railroad who was recently discharged. The man is now under arrest.—Havas.

Violent Easter in Holy Land

British Troops Seek Terrorists Causing Death among Jews

Jerusalem, Apr. 17.

Blood flowed plentifully in Palestine today as Easter Sunday was violently celebrated. Some fifty persons were killed in a pitched battle fought in the central region of the Holy Land, while elsewhere isolated incidents claimed more lives and resulted in a larger number of injuries.

This evening, a bomb was hurled in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem, an old man being wounded. Another missile exploded in an Arab cafe in Haifa, and here a customer was killed and eight passersby were wounded.

Accentuation of tension is feared as the resumption of troubles coincides with the harvests carried on in orchards here.

Troops Seek Terrorists

British troops are now continuing their operations against terrorists in the Bala Aneptra region where curfew has been proclaimed and where all roads are closed as the authorities intensity their search for wounded brigands given shelter by the natives. It is known, however, that among the dead is the second chief of the band headed by Abd Erahim Hadj Mahmoud.

Hopes are still held out for a settlement of these troubles as the new Royal Commission is awaited at the end of this month. The Commission is charged with the task of studying again the possibilities for partitioning Palestine.—Havas.

Japanese Doctors Will Fight Epidemics

Two Noted Scholars to Lead Groups in Shanghai, Peiping

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Two famed epidemiologists today agreed to head two little armies of doctors and nurses who will descend on North and Central China this summer to fight epidemics.

Dr. Itsumaro Takagi, member of the Epidemic Research Institute of Waseda University, consented to head the party operating from Peiping.

The Central China medical mission will be headed by Dr. Tenji Taniguchi, Professor of the Osaka University of Medicine. Its base of operations will be in Shanghai.

Organized jointly by the Foreign Ministry's Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Dojin Kai a philanthropic society active in China, the two medical squads will have Y.1,000,000 at their disposal to fight epidemics between June and October.

The heads of the two groups will visit their posts late this month. On their return to Tokyo, fifty doctors will leave Japan for Peiping and Shanghai.—Domei.

War in China Must Be Carried Through

Japanese Hongkong Consul Gives His Views

Nagasaki, Apr. 18.

With the prospects of peace still remote, there is an urgent necessity for continuing thoroughgoing armed operations, Mr. Toyokazu Nakamura, Consul-General in Hongkong, told the press on his arrival here yesterday.

This conclusion, he declared, sums up his observations on the general situation in China.

Since the fall of Nanking, he went on, the population of Hankow has been swollen to 1,200,000, including 700,000 war refugees.

"There have been no disturbances as yet, and the situation is being kept calm," he declared.

Aeroplanes, he said, are plying daily between Hankow and Hongkong.—Domei.

France Invite Italy to Begin Parleys For Rapprochement and Amity Pact

Charge d'Affaires in Rome Presents French Request; Early Agreement Expected; Most Points Settled

Paris, Apr. 18.

The French Charge d'Affairs in Rome, M. Jules L. Blondell, today delivered to the Italian Government an invitation from the French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, for the commencement of conversations aiming at a Franco-Italian pact of friendship.

It was understood that M. Daladier and M. Georges Bonnet, Foreign Minister, were convinced that once conversations were begun the pact could be concluded in a week. It was generally expected here that the speed with which Italy replied to the invitation would determine whether France would resume full diplomatic relations with Rome. There has been no Ambassador of France in the Italian capital for some time.

From an authoritative source it was learned that the friendship accord between Britain and Italy had actually settled many of the problems existing between Italy and France.

Franco-Italian problems said settled in the new friendship pact were Italy's adherence to the London Naval Treaty of 1936, Italian adherence to the Montreaux Treaty permitting Turkey to re-fortify the Dardanelles, acceptance of a compromise withdrawal from Spain and a pledge to seek no territorial, military, political or colonial advantages in Spain.

The spokesman said that only a few direct Franco-Italian problems were left unsettled. These largely concerned Syria, Tunisia and the question of hostile propaganda.—United Press.

French Ministers Will Visit London Soon

British Invitation Accepted, April 28

Paris, Apr. 18.

It is officially announced that the French Premier, M. Eduard Daladier, and his Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, are leaving for London on April 28.

This follows the invitation delivered here yesterday on behalf of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax, British Foreign Secretary.—Havas.

Snow Mars Easter in Germany

Nazis Seek to Revive Ancient Pagan Rites In Stressing Return of Spring Festival

Berlin, Apr. 18.

The German capital experienced some remarkable vagaries of April weather during yesterday. Bright and sunny intervals were followed in quick succession by blinding snowstorms which at times assumed the force of blizzards.

The temperature fell to only five degrees above the freezing point. Thousands of excursionists who had trusted the weather prophets' predictions of a fine warm Eastertide were compelled to return home. The crowds began in the early afternoon to flock back to Berlin with the result that all cafes and places of amusement were soon filled to capacity.

Those who ventured out to the famous cherry orchards at Werder on the Havel now in full bloom, witnessed the extraordinary spectacle of the air filled with huge snowflakes and torn blossom petals.

Easter snowstorms are also reported from many other parts of Northern Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

"Victorious Easter"

Berlin, Apr. 17.

A "victorious German Easter" was celebrated throughout Germany today as National Socialists sought to remove Christian significance from the holiday and give it pagan character.

Easter is less a fete marking the resurrection of Christ than a Germanic celebration of the return of spring. In days before the Saviour, the ancient custom was to light fires on the eve of Easter to announce "the death of shadows and the birth of light." Germany today took up these ancestral rites in several regions.

Easter Egg Custom

Another old custom is that of hiding coloured eggs, in which rite the ancients saw symbolically represented, life not yet awake and nature at its most mysterious.

In various provinces, this year, artisans decorated eggs with ingenuous designs of flowers or the sun, which illustrates, "the force that unites members of the German community."

The recent historic events in Austria were not forgotten in the midst of these fetes. Many of the coloured eggs bore inscriptions in the Carinthian dialect lauding the victory of National Socialism.

In one Reich news organ, a Nazi vaunting the beauty of these revived usages concludes, "Churches gave new names to Germanic rites. They thus modified their aspect superficially, but could never suppress their inner meaning. That is why Easter remains an essentially Greman holiday. This year, Easter for us is a fete marking vital force found again by all Germans on this earth."—Havas.

Mailbag Explodes In Hongkong

Plot to Wreck Plane with Officials on Board Said To be Suspected

Hongkong, Apr. 18.

Another explosion occurred at the General Post Office here at 9 this morning, the second in the last fifteen hours.

This morning's explosion, as last night's one, also originated from a mailbag which was landed here from the ss. Tjinegara just arrived from Shanghai.

Investigations have now shown that in both cases the mailbags themselves contained explosives.

Since these two mailbags were intended for a consignment to have been sent by air mail to Chungking and Hankow, it is widely rumoured in Chinese circles that the mailbags were intended to catch the same plane as that in which a number of prominent Chinese officials, including, it is stated, Mr. T. V. Soong, were returning to Hankow.

These rumours state that it may be presumed that the explosives were meant to have gone off when the mailbags were in the plane and the plane had already left the ground.—Reuter.

New Police Bureau for Nantao Area

Police Patrols Detailed by Autonomous Commission

A police bureau has been established by the Nantao Autonomous Commission in Nantao, according to a Chinese report. Mr. King Tien-yang former Chief Inspector of police station in Shun Tao Road, has been appointed director of the new bureau.

Police patrols have been detailed by the police bureau in various streets in Nantao. Meanwhile the police party sent to Nantao by the "Great Way City Government" is still functioning in Min Kuo Road and along the Nantao Bund.

In addition to the new police bureau, the Nantao Autonomous Commission has five departments, namely, finance, social affairs, communications, land, and personnel.

International Red Cross

The Shanghai International Red Cross wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations April 9 to 16 inclusive:

Previously acknowledged	$1,497,350.83
National Government of the Republic of China	150,000.00
Chinese Women's Club of Shanghai	2,892.00
F. Kock, Basle, Switzerland	92.31
Taku Church, China Inland Mission, Yunnan	50.00
L. Sell's Brother	40.00
Rewi Alley	28.90
Miss Hsu Tsai Tsung	20.00
Pacific Pharmacy	20.00
In Memory of Mrs. Li Ming: Tu Tae Mou	10.00
In Memory of Dr. Herman Liu: Previously acknowledged ... $176.00	
Receipts Apr. 11-17	342.00
Total ... $518.00	
Save A Life A Month Club (15th remittance)	217.00
Total as of April 16 and a number of small donations.	$1,651,074.05

All donations should be sent to the Director's office, 505 Honan Road.

France Has Splendid Easter Weather

Tremendous Incursion Of British Visitors

Paris, Apr. 18.

Eastertide in Paris as far as the weather is concerned was bright and friendly although somewhat cool. There was a big exodus of Parisians into the country and to the seaside resorts but also a big influx of provincials and foreigners.

It is estimated that upwards of 0,000 British excursionists arrived in the French capital on Saturday and Sunday. Twelve extra trains had to be put in service to cope with the British invasion.

The outstanding sporting event was the big Auteuil steeplechase for the prize of the President of the Republic. It ended with the victory of an outsider, the six-year-old Dago, owned by Comte de Vivaud.—Trans-Ocean.

New Province Formed In Shantung

Capital to be Tsingchow On Kiaotsi Railway

Tsingtao, Apr. 18.

Mr. Feng Yong-sheng, the newly appointed Governor of the province of East Shantung, today arrived in Tsingchow, the capital of his new governorship.

Tsingchow lies midway between here and Tsinan, on the Kiaotsi Railway. Mr. Feng's subordinates have also arrived in the new capital from Tsinan.—Domei.

Spanish Civil War Cannot End Before Mid-Summer This Year

Nationalists Admit Retreat of Wedge on Coast; Republicans Massing for Lerida Offensive

Hendaye, Apr. 17.

Coincident with reports of a huge Republican counter-offensive impending in the Lerida sector, neutral observers here expressed belief that the Spanish War cannot possibly end before mid-summer.

Even should the Nationalists complete a string of smashing victories in the north, it was pointed out, neither they nor the Republicans now possess sufficient reserves, planes, or artillery to launch an offensive or counter-offensive sweeping enough to end the war.

Furthermore, the Republicans give every indication of waging "last-ditch" resistance both in the north and the south, and any anticipation of a Republican collapse in the north vanished today when Nationalist planes reported that thousands of Republicans are moving forward for a counter-attack on Lerida, the recapture of which is said necessary for reasons of strategy.

Battle for Barcelona

Meantime both Republicans and Nationalists were rushing veterans to their respective fronts in preparation for a battle to determine possession of Barcelona. With eighteen miles of coast already in their possession, Galician brigades swept further north, nearing Amposta at the mouth of the Ebro River, only seven miles south of Tortosa.

Nationalists under Gen. Valino were also going northward, advancing through Alcaner and reportedly nearing San Carlos de la Rapita.—United Press.

Nationalists Retreat

Paris, Apr. 18.

The Spanish Republican Government's claim to have driven the Nationalists back from the sea and to have forced them out from Benicarlo, where the Nationalists had driven their wedge between Barcelona and Valencia, appears to be true, judging by the latest impartial news from the front reaching here.

The Nationalist high command, in a telegram received here from Saragossa, denies that Benicarlo has fallen, but at the same time admits a "strategic retreat" at "a certain point." At the same time Republican scurces are now declaring with increasing insistence that the situation is "less grave" and that their forces have received new supplies of war material, shortage of which first prevented them from resisting the Nationalist push effectively.—Reuter.

Republican Claims

Barcelona, Apr. 18.

The Spanish Republican Government troops have defeated Nationalist attempts to extend their wedge near the Mediterranean southwards, states a communique published here. The communique adds that near Camarasa, situated inland and 25 miles north-east of Lerida, the Nationalists were forced to withdraw across the Segre River suffering heavy losses.—Reuter.

Nationalist Claims

Salamanca, Apr. 18.

Advancing swiftly northwards from Vinaroz, the Nationalist troops have widened the rift between Catalonia and the rest of Republican Spain by several miles, it is claimed here.—Reuter.

Nationalists Repulsed

Madrid, Apr. 18.

The Nationalists are reported to have been repulsed in an attack at Bomaigua Pass, which carries the main road to France over the Pyrenees. Gen. Francisco Franco claims the capture of important positions at Valdaran, indicating that the frontier has been reached. The Nationalist corridor to the sea is claimed to have been widened today by the advance to Tortosa from Vinaroz, with the capture of positions seven miles south of Tortosa.—Reuter.

Anti-Aircraft Guns in the City

One of the latest types of anti-aircraft guns on display outside the Mansion House, London, to encourage recruits for the British Territorial Army and the auxiliary Air Force. The crowd is examining the many intricate details of this latest unit of artillery.

Hankow Again Suffers in Five Raids by Japanese Planes

Defending Fighters Drive Off Attackers Before Bombs Are Dropped: Casualties in Canton

Hankow, Apr. 18.

THREE more moonlight raids were staged over Hankow in the early hours of this morning, making a total of eight night raids in thirty hours. Three heavy bombers took part in each raid.

The first raid was made shortly after midnight, the bombers coming from the direction of Anhwei province. They dropped between 30 and 40 bombs in the vicinity of Hankow aerodrome.

The next batch of bombers appeared over Hankow shortly after 2 a.m. also coming from the direction of Anhwei province. They were met by Chinese pursuit machines and driven back from the aerodrome. Crossing the Yangtze as they retreated they dropped ten bombs in the vicinity of the commercial aerodrome at Nanhu, or South Lake.

Shortly after 3 a.m. another batch of three heavy bombers were sighted approaching Hankow, coming from down river. They were met by Chinese pursuit planes and turned back without dropping any bombs.

Another Japanese air raid was staged on Hankow yesterday evening. It was the fifth raid to be staged on the temporary capital during the day.

Full details of this last raid are not yet available, though Chinese pursuit planes were seen to engage them severely. The four previous raids yesterday failed to do any material damage, all the bombs falling wide of aerodrome, the apparent Japanese objective.—Reuter.

Many Casualties in Canton

Hongkong, Apr. 18.

Canton suffered its most disastrous air raid since the start of the hostilities yesterday, local Chinese papers said today.

Relays of planes indiscriminately bombed the city, dropping bombs on five schools and many dwellings in congested areas, the vernacular press reported. The air raiders were also reported to have swooped down and machine-gunned the streets.

The exact number of casualties has not been ascertained, but the Chinese press said there were hundreds of victims, most of whom were scholars.

Amoy and Foochow were also raided, but the damage done was small and there were but few casualties, the Chinese papers said.

The "Hongkong Telegraph's" Macao correspondent reported that there were numerous raids carried out by the Japanese on the southern coast of Kwangtung resulting in heavy casualties. The Chinese Maritime Customs launch Tongkawan was sunk by Japanese planes, the correspondent reported.—United Press.

Kiangsi Aerodrome Bombed

Starting bright and early, Japanese naval aircraft at dawn yesterday bombed the aerodrome and military establishments at Changshuchen, Kiangsi, according to a naval communiqué issued at noon.

Heavy damage was said to have been inflicted upon the targets. On Sunday, naval aircraft blew up freight carriages near Sitsun, on the much-bombed Canton-Hankow Railway.

A munition dump, railway bridge and tracks were also destroyed near Yingtak, an important station on the Canton-Hankow line.

In the outskirts of Canton, naval planes destroyed several plants of the arsenal. Military establishments at and near the Paiyun aerodrome were also heavily bombed.

Chinese Junk Fleet Sunk by Japanese

Speed Boats Said to Use Macao as Base for Trips To Pearl River

A fleet of "more than ten" well-armed Chinese steam vessels and junks on Sunday was "destroyed" off Macao by Japanese men-of-war, the headquarters of the Japanese China Sea Fleet announced yesterday morning.

The Chinese ships, the statement said, "maintained a provocative attitude towards the Japanese warships".

A white speed boat was said to have escaped into Portuguese territorial waters.

The communiqué asserted that several white speed boats have been recently observed plying from "their base in Macao" to the mouth of the Pearl River.

Armed Chinese junks, it was further claimed, make their base in the Portuguese territorial waters.

Japanese naval authorities here said the coast of South China has recently become infested by junks carrying heavy armament.

These ships, the authorities said, have "turned to evil account" the Japanese Navy's efforts to provide protection to peaceful fishermen.

Search Continued for Bomb-thrower

Rewards Offered for Arrest Of Would-be Assassin

A reward of $500 for the apprehension of the man who threw two hand-grenades at the motor car of the Pootung Mayor a few days ago, has been offered by the "Great Way City Government." Any information supplied to the régime leading to the arrest of the man will draw $200.

The Pootung régime also instructs those staying in Tung Chong Road area in Pootung to assist the authorities in the search for the armed man. Those who refuse to divulge the knowledge of the whereabouts of the culprit will be punished, according to a public notice.

Mr. Hsi-wen, on whose life an unsuccessful attempt was made in Tung Chong Road, has been accorded an escort of two armoured cars by the Japanese, according to a Chinese report.

Ship at French Bund Damaged by Fire

Quartermaster's Hand Cut During Forepeak Blaze

The Chinese quartermaster of the ss. Dama, Ching Yung-fah, was yesterday nursing a lacerated right hand as a result of a fire on board the vessel at the French Bund on Sunday evening. The flames started in the forepeak at about 7 o'clock, from the explosion of a hurricane lamp there. The woodwork of the forepeak was damaged. The quartermaster was injured while attempting to bring a fire-extinguisher into operation. He was taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital by the French Police and discharged after treatment.

The flames were extinguished by the crew of the Customs firefloat Poochi, under Mr. W. J. Gorman, Chief Fire Officer, and the French Fire Brigade, which responded with two engines. The property loss was trivial and the departure of the vessel was not delayed.

Presentation Made to Det.-Sergt. Haskell

Police Comrades Honour Member Leaving Soon

At a Shanghai Municipal Police gathering held in Sinza Station on Sunday, Detective-Sergeant R. E. Haskell was presented with a gold watch-chain and inscribed charm by his comrades, prior to his leaving the Force on Thursday.

Superintendent R. J. Crouch, Detective Divisional Officer of "B" Division, spoke, referring to the excellent record of Mr. Haskell and regretting that the young detective-sergeant had found it necessary to end his service in Shanghai owing to reasons of health. "Since joining this staff three years and one month ago, you have been advanced eight months in seniority, commended four times and highly commended once—a splendid record!" Mr. Crouch pointed out.

After the presentation a toast was drunk to Mr. Haskell's health by the large number of friends present. The retiring detective will sail for Home in the ss. Potsdam, via Suez, on Friday.

The Royal Navy on Parade

Bluejackets and Marines March Past Admiral At Race Course; Many Watch

Although Shanghai has seen many parades through its streets during recent months, with battalions coming and going, route marches, etc., it is a long time since the Royal Navy has shown itself to the local populace. This deficiency was, however, fully made up for yesterday morning, when a contingent of bluejackets and Royal Marines from H.M.S. Cumberland, British flagship, paraded before Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble at the Race Course. Starting from The Bund the contingent, which consisted of two platoons of bluejackets and one platoon of Royal Marines, headed by the band of the Royal Marines, marched up Nanking Road with fixed bayonets, arriving at the Race Course shortly before 10 a.m.

A large crowd of holiday-makers gathered at the Race Course to see the sailors on parade, while golfers and other sportsmen paused momentarily to watch the march past. The parade was drawn up in line opposite the stands, with the band to the left, and on the arrival of the Admiral the the order "present arms" was given, two buglers from the Royal Marines sounding off a call, and the band then playing "Rule, Britannia." Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Nobel who was accompanied by members of his staff, took up his position at the saluting base, and the parade marched past in column of fours.

Bayonets glinting in the sun, the sailors left the Race Course, and marched by way of Foochow Road back to The Bund. There were many comments among spectators on the extraordinary smartness of the bluejackets and Royal Marines, who marched perfectly in step and with excellent bearing. The bluejackets were dressed in blue winter uniforms, with khaki web belts and leggings, and wore their chinstraps down. The Royal Marines were, of course, in their smart blue and red uniforms. Interested spectators at the parade were officers and men of the Seaforth Highlanders, while the stands were filled with onlookers.

H.M.S. Cumberland leaves for Hongkong once again today, bringing her short visit to Shanghai to a conclusion.

Gen. John J. Pershing Off for New York

Doughty Warrior Able To Attend Wedding

Tucson, Apr. 17.

Gen. John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Forces during the World War, left today by special railway car to attend his son's wedding in New York.

The doughty warrior left his home for the first time since his recent illness which was so serious that at times the physicians attending him gave up all hope for his recovery. Gen. Pershing, however, rapidly gained strength, enabling him to leave today for New York.

His son, Mr. Francis Warren Pershing, will be married to Miss Murial Bache Richards at New York on April 22.—United Press.

Cotton in Lorry Afire

A lorry loaded with bales of cotton was the scene of a fire yesterday afternoon in Kiaochow Road, a short distance north of Singapore Road. Sixteen bales were damaged by the flames which were extinguished by Municipal firemen.

At midday a Chinese house in Lane 630, North Szechuen Road, caught fire, and an alarm was turned in by the Japanese Naval Landing Party. Hongkew firemen extinguished this blaze, in which the ground, first and second floors were badly damaged. No-one was injured. The lane in question is near Jukong Road, in a district hard hit by last year's war.

Panay Indemnities To Be Paid Soon

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Indemnity for the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay on December 12 last will be paid to the American Government today or tomorrow.—Domei.

Mokanshan District Said Unsafe

Chinese Irregulars Still Active Near Shanghai

Foreign nationals in Mokanshan have been asked by the Japanese garrison there to leave the hills owing to the danger of attacks by Chinese mobile units, according to a Chinese message.

The notification, it is reported, was issued following inquiries recently made by foreigners, who are making preparations for the reopening of the villas there for the coming holiday season, with the Japanese authorities as to the safety of the area.

Other Chinese messages report the activities of Chinese irregulars in the suburbs of Wusih, Soochow and towns near the Taihu Lake. A Japanese unit stationed at Huichuan hills near Wusih has been withdrawn into the city, where an average of 1,000 persons are daily applying for passes to leave for Shanghai.

Chinese mobile troops who recently recaptured Liyang, south of Nanking, are now pushing toward Ihsing. Along the Whangpoo, other Chinese units are active around Sungkiang, it is reported.

Chinese planes were said to have flown over Changshu last Saturday to distribute handbills.

Anschluss Benefits Hungary

Count Bethlen Gives His Opinions

Budapest, Apr. 17.

The anschluss in its effects on Hungary is more advantageous than inconvenient "Hungary is in principle uneasy with a great Power as neighbour, but so long as she follows pro-German policies and puts at Germany's disposition her surplus of agricultural products and raw materials, Germany will have no cause to move her frontiers to the detriment of Hungary and thus trouble the friendly relations between our two countries by aggressiveness," declares Count Bethlen, former Hungarian Premier, writing in the "Pesti Naplo," liberal newspaper.

"On the other hand, good relations between Hungary and Germany can only be troubled if the Germans try directly or indirectly to institute their National Socialist regime here," the Count continues.

"Finally, the anschluss shattered the Little Entente, thereby accomplishing the encirclement of Czechoslovakia, and constraining Rumania and Yugoslavia to practise less stiff policies towards Hungary. The Rome-Berlin axis will from now on play an important role in the reorganization of the Danubian basin. But France and Great Britain also have interests in maintaining the independence of Hungary and in reinforcing the Danubian countries," the former Premier concludes.—Havas.

Tung Wen College Re-opens

Chiao-tung University in Avenue Haig Being Used For Institution

Ending an eight-month "exile" in Nagasaki, the Tung Wen College on Sunday resumed its activities here on the campus once occupied by the Chiao-tung University, Avenue Haig. The institution was removed to Japan when its buildings on Hungjao Road were burned down during the hostilities last autumn.

The inaugural ceremony on Sunday was opened with the unveiling of Emperor Hirohito's portrait at 10 o'clock in the morning. Later, congratulatory messages were read from the Premier, Prince Ayamaro Konoye, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, and an address was delivered by the Consul-General, Mr. Shinrokuro Hidaka. Prince Konoye is the President of the Toa Dobun Kai, a semi-official body operating the College.

Present at the ceremony were Major-General Kumakichi Harada, Chief of the Army Special Service Section here; Rear-Admiral Denshichi Ohkochi, Commander of the Naval Landing Party; Mr. Tatsuichiro Funatsu, Managing Director of the Japanese Cotton Mill Owners' Association, and Dr. Shinzo Shinjo, Director of the Shanghai Science Institute. Most of the College's 500 students have already arrived here from Nagasaki. The remaining professors and students will reach here today.

Italian Mission Off To Manchoukuo

Student Sings for Sick Soldiers in Tokyo

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Completing a protracted stay in Japan, the Italian Fascist Goodwill Mission left here yesterday for Manchoukuo by way of Korea.

The interest of Tokyo in things Italian now centres on the Raimondo Montecuccoli, Italian cruiser, due to reach here this afternoon.

The cruiser arrived in Yokohama from Kobe at 9 o'clock this morning.

In another demonstration of Italo-Japanese amity, Signor Marjiria, an Italian student of the Tokyo Ikuei Technological School, yesterday visited the First Army Hospital in Ushigome Ward and gave a recital of Italian popular songs. He was accompanied on the piano by Capt. Enrico Rossi, Secretary to the Italian Military Attache here.—Domei.

By Sunday night, 1,845 Chinese families, comprising in all about 7,000 persons, have been allowed to return to the Hongkew area, a Japanese naval spokesman announced last night.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

Two daughters of Mr. Pan Yu-kuei, "Mayor" of Tientsin, arrived in Moji yesterday en route to Tokyo where they will study medicine.

MESSRS. Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, globe-trotting golfers, sailed yesterday in the ss. Empress of Asia for Kobe.

MESSRS. R. T. Oates, technical manager, and P. A. Wright of Messrs. Paton & Baldwins, sailed yesterday in the ss. Empress of Asia.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Shanghai Junior Golf Club will take place tomorrow, at the Central Club, 159 Peking Road, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

THE Shanghai Gas Company has transferred its showroom from 204 Nanking Road to 709 Bubbling Well Road, at the corner of Love Lane, and will open in the new premises today.

AMONGST the passengers who left yesterday in the ss. Empress of Asia were—Capt. F. H. Jeune, Shanghai Pilots' Association; and Messrs. G. B. Elliot, A. G. P. Dewing, A. R. Edwards and W. L. Watts.

MRS. A. C. Price left Shanghai on Sunday for Chinwangtao to join her husband, Dr. Price, who left several weeks ago to take up an appointment on the medical staff of the Kailan Mining Administration.

THE Chinese Chamber of Commerce in French Indo-China has made arrangements for the enrollment of 20 Chinese young men in an aviation school there, states a wire to the "Standard."

GEN. Shigeru Honjo, former chief aide-de-camp to Emperor Hirohito of Japan, yesterday was formally installed by the monarch as President of the War Relief Board. The ceremony was held in the Phoenix Hall of Tokyo Palace.

THE Relief Committee of the Civic Association in the Fist Special District addressed a letter to the local Real Estate Owners Association on Sunday, asking it to check the current practice among landlords of arbitrarily raising the house rentals in view of the recent heavy influx of population into this city, states a message to the "Morning Leader."

VARIOUS circles in Canton will hold a memorial service on April 23 for two air pilots, Wu and Li, who were fatally wounded in an aerial combat over Canton on April 13, says a message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Meanwhile, representatives of civic and social organizations have called on other wounded airmen to present to them "comfort" articles and cash rewards during the past few days.

THE Executive Yuan has instructed the Kiangsu Provincial Government to give immediate relief to war refugees now flocking into Taierchwang, South Shantung, where the Chinese recently scored a victory over the Japanese, states a dispatch to the "Sin Wan Pao." Upon receipt of the instructions, it is stated, the provincial authorities have appointed agents to distribute relief funds.

A LIQUID Fuel Control Board has been organized under the direct jurisdiction of the Executive Yuan, says a dispatch to the "Sin Wan Pao." The Board, which will regulate the purchase, storage, transportation and distribution of gasoline, wood oil and kerosene, will be composed of five to seven delegates from the Ministries of Economics, Communications, War and the Interior.

THE entire net proceeds of "Dido and Aeneas," which will be performed in the French School early in May are to be handed to the trustees of the trustees of the St. Nicholas Church and will be utilized in their charities. The committee in charge are the Rev. Rogojin, Gen. T. L. Gleboff, Mmes Jaspar and Chetverikov and Messrs. Yakovliev, Grosbois, E. F. Harris and R. L. Stuart. It will be noted that the material for dresses in the production kindly have been donated by Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

ON orders from Empress Nagako of Japan, Princess Itsuko Nashimoto and Princess Dowager Chikako Kuni left Tokyo yesterday for Kyushu, where they will comfort wounded soldiers recuperating in military hospitals. Princess Nashimoto will visit Fukuoka, Saga and Ohita Prefectures, returning to Tokyo on April 27. Princess Kuni will visit hospitals in Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima and Miyazaki Prefecture, returning to Tokyo on April 29.

Wearing a huge white straw hat, with its crown dyed bright red to resemble the Rising Sun flag, a little, old, wrinkled woman arrived in the ss. Anyo Maru on Sunday. At the wharf an army of Japanese photographers and newspapermen clicked their cameras and pulled out their note-books and pencils. The woman was Mrs. Kunuko Ichino, 79 years old, famed far and wide as the oldest "comforter" of Japanese troops on the continent. To the reporters she said: Our peaceful life we owe to our soldiers. Therefore, wherever they march, I shall follow them to express my gratitude. I am so old, that I do not really care whether I live or die. But if I am killed, this hat will help to identify me.

Mystery of Davao Fleet Still Unsolved

Reputed Destroyers May Be Japanese Fishers

Manila, Apr. 18.

No definite information was given today on the mysterious flotilla of 22 vessels off Davao following the return late last night of three Philippine Army planes which were sent on a tour of investigation.

Lieut. Lee, in charge of the investigation, conferred with Maj.-Gen. Paulino Santos, Chief of Staff of the Philippines Army, shortly after his return from Davao.

Both declined to comment on the investigation of the flotilla, which some believe to be Japanese destroyers, while others are of the opinion that they are nothing but Japanese fishing vessels.—United Press.

E. of Canada Due This Afternoon

Bhutan and Sontay Leave Today; Glaucus, Neumark To Sail Tomorrow

The C. P. ss. Empress of Canada is expected today at about 6 p.m., at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side, from Vancouver and Japan ports. Passengers are due at the Customs Jetty at about 7.30 p.m. The liner will leave tomorrow at about 11 a.m., for Hongkong and Manila. The passenger tenders are to leave the Customs Jetty at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The P. & O. announce that their ss. Bhutan will sail today at about 7 a.m., from buoys Nos. 13-14, for Marseilles, Casablanca, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, and Antwerp via Hongkong, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Suez and Port Said.

The Hamburg Amerika Line's ss. Neumark is expected from Europe and way ports including Hongkong, today at 7 a.m., at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. She is to leave tomorrow at about 8 a.m., for Taku, Dairen and Japan ports.

D'Artagnan Arriving

The MM. ss. Sontay is to leave the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side, today at noon, sailing homewards for Oran, Casablanca, Havre, Antwerp, and Dunkirk via Aden and Port Said.

The MM. announce that their ss. D'Artagnan is now expected on April 22, arriving from Europe and way ports. This notice cancels the previous announcement according to which the liner was to arrive today. The company also states that D'Artagnan's call at Kobe is cancelled, and that the ship is to sail from Shanghai for Marseilles and way ports, on or about April 26.

The N.Y.K. ss. Haruna Maru is to sail today at 4.30 p.m. for Aden, Naples, Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Rotterdam via Straits and Colombo. Registered mail intended to catch this ship should be posted before 2.30 p.m., and ordinary before 3 p.m.

The D.K.K. ss. Hoten Maru is to leave today at about 11 a.m. for Tsingtao and Dairen. Registered mail intended for this steamer should be posted before 7.30 a.m. and ordinary before 8 a.m.

The Blue Funnel ss. Glaucus should sail tomorrow for Boston and New York via Hongkong, Philippines, Batavia and Straits.

The Glen Line ss. Glenogle is expected from London tomorrow. She is announced as due to sail from this port on May 7, for London, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Antwerp via Hongkong and Straits.

Local Sailings

The B. & S. announce that their ss. Kiungchow is to sail today noon, for Swatow and Hongkong, from the French Bund. Registered mail intended to catch this steamer should be posted before 9 a.m. and ordinary before 9.30 a.m.

The same company's ss. Taiyuan will leave the same bund tomorrow at 6 a.m. Registered mail intended for this steamer should be posted before 6.30 p.m., and ordinary before 7 p.m. today.

The ss. Newchwang should sail from the French Bund today at noon, for Weihaiwei and Chefoo. Registered mail intended for this steamer should be posted before 9 a.m. and ordinary before 9.30 a.m.

The ss. Hsin Peking is to sail for Ningpo with cargo and mail, from the French Bund today at 3 p.m. Registered Mail intended to catch this steamer should be posted before noon, and ordinary before 12.30 p.m.

The same company's ss. Hupeh is to sail tomorrow at noon, from the same bund, for Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin. U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia registered mail, intended to catch this vessel, should be posted before 8 a.m., China registered before 9 a.m. and ordinary before 9.30 a.m.

Two Jardine Matheson & Co.'s vessels are sailing today at about 5 a.m., from the Roosevelt Terminal Wharf. The ss. Leesang is to leave for Tsingtao, Chefoo and Tientsin; while the ss. Hangsang is to sail for Swatow, Hongkong and Canton.

Messrs. Melchers & Co. are despatching the mv. Breiviken to Tientsin, from the Kin Lee Yin buoy No. 2, today at noon.

Asia's Passengers

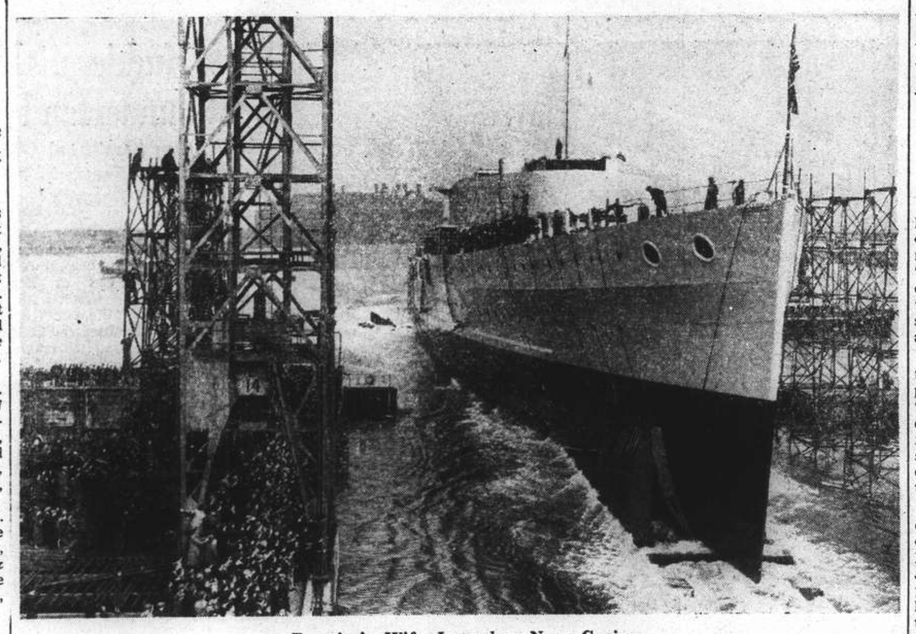
Among those who sailed in the ss. Empress of Asia, to Victoria and Vancouver via Japan ports, yesterday morning, were:

Mr. G. B. Elliot, Mr. A. G. P. Dewing, Mr. P. A. Wright, Dr. W. Rizi, Mr. N. H. S. Wilkinson, Capt. and Mrs. S. C. Zern, Miss J. E. Zern, Mr. R. T. Oates, Mr. K. Kuether, Mr. A. R. Edwards, Mr. Walter Hagen, Mr. Joe Kirkwood, Mr. W. L. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. M. Muirhead, Miss I. J. S. M. Muirhead, Miss D. G. Foster, Miss H. I. Fuller, Miss E. E. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Corlovsky, Mr. and Mrs. Gidumal and son, Mrs. E. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davison, Mr. Owen L. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Doane, Mr. M. Delaguquise, Mr. H. H. Farmer, Mrs. C. H. and Miss C. Raven, Mr. V. Guins, Mrs. A. M. Salquist, Miss L. J. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jorgensen, Mr. J. H. Drummond, Mr. A. Stores, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nielsen, Mr. A. W. Sawyer, Mr. W. H. Baldock, Capt. F. H. Jeune, Miss A. Sloan, Mr. W. E. Dent, Mr. L. J. Kosloff, Mr. A. Gercik, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sunblad, Mrs. V. Guins, Miss Alice Baer, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis, Mr. E. Weeks, Mr. M. D. McDonald, Mr. Clyde Briggs, Mr. J. B. Garrett, Mrs. G. L. But and Master But.

Among those who are leaving for Hongkong, aboard the ss. Kiungchow, today, are: Mr. Stubel, Mr. A. Hurter, Mr. Fletcher, and Mrs. Wilding.

Mrs. A. C. Price left for Chinwangtao yesterday in the mv. Ingeren.

Among those who left for Tientsin in the mv. Kaiping, this Sunday, were: Mr. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. K. Teske, Mrs. E. G. Martin, Mr. W. E. Holland and Mr. T. J. Graham.



Premier's Wife Launches New Cruiser

Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, wife of the British Prime Minister, named and launched the new 10,000 ton cruiser H.M.S. Belfast at Harland and Wolff's yard at Belfast. The vessel is seen sliding down the ways.

Summer Weather Continues to Prevail in Shanghai

Temperature in The "Eighties" With Rain Still Absent in The Yangtze Delta

"SUMER is icumen in, Lhude sing cuccu!" warbled the unknown author of the oldest song in the English language of which any record has been kept, and it must have been in weather very similar to that which prevailed in Shanghai over the Easter Holidays that he sat down in the arbor of a friendly tree to write his poem and compose his little tune. At any moment, an ardent nature lover may pen his letter, therefore, proclaiming that the first notes of the cuckoo have definitely been heard in this region. His letter will mark the approach of that season of heat, rain, more heat, typhoons, humidity, mosquitoes and other nuisances which go to make a Shanghai Summer.

For the time being, however, although the thermometer has been bobbing around the 80 degrees Fahrenheit mark during the last day or two, the weather is still enjoyable. A growing tendency to partial nudism, however, has been noted among such active individuals as rickshaw pullers and other coolies.

South-westerly to north-westerly winds prevailed in the Yangtze delta over the week-end, while the sun poured down from a sky which, for by far the greatest part of the time, was pitilessly clear blue, with not a cloud to pass its gentle, cooling shadow over house-tops and streets.

The maximum temperature was 88 degrees Fahrenheit.

During the whole of last week, rain was conspicuously absent from the official records, except on Thursday. From Sunday, April 10, to Sunday, April 17, a total of 0.11 inches of rain was recorded by the gauges in the grounds of the Holy Trinity Cathedral. And this damp spot was recorded on Thursday evening, after it had looked for a few horrible moments as if the weather was going to put on the performance it generally reserves for Saturday afternoons, Sundays and all public holidays.

"Glorious Weather"

But the Weatherman, for once, failed to tap his supplies of rain-water and "Shanghai experienced glorious weather." In one respect, however, the weather was not kind, for it laid emphasis on the curtailing of the Shanghai hinterland as a result of the hostilities.

From early Friday morning to late yesterday evening, the weather remained bright and fine for the long weekend—yet Shanghai, for the most part, had to sit around impotently. Houseboat trips, motor trips, and shooting excursions were practically out of the question, while reports of guerilla fighting not far from this city even kept many out of the Hungjao area. The parks—Jessfield, Koukaza and the Bund Gardens—were, of course, full, while (in the comparative sense of the term) large crowds were to be seen leisurely walking in the western districts each day and nearly all day.

Due to the unfortunate coincidence of Easter with the end of the winter sports season and just before the opening of the summer sports season, sport enthusiasts found themselves confined to the Saturday and Monday race meetings, the riding gymkhana and the the golf exhibition by Messrs. Kirkwood and Hagen.

Weather "prophets" and others with corns have been heard arguing whether or not Shanghai is to have just one more cold snap before it becomes time to drag out the sun helmet and white flannels. It is now almost a fortnight before the day marked in the Chinese calendar as "li-hsia" or "beginning of summer," so that anything could happen—and generally does in Shanghai. But whether or not the temperature drops suddenly for a brief period, people will be heard to grumble.

Small Zoo from Siam

Kobe, Apr. 18

The Bangkok Maru which arrived here yesterday, brought a miniature zoo of two very lively chimpanzees three catty Siamese cats and a talkative parrot.

The animals were included in the bulky baggage brought here by the twelve-year-old son of Phra Mitrakarm Raksha, former Siamese Minister to Japan. One monkey will go to Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, Emperor's younger brother, who presides over the Japan-Siam Society; the other chimpanzee will go to the Osaka Zoo. Re-entering the exclusive Peers' School here, the young Siamese will remain here until his graduation from the Tokyo Imperial University.—Domei.

Eucharistic Congress In Budapest in May

Two Million People Expected to Come

Budapest, Apr. 17.

Some 2,000,000 people are expected to take part in the Eucharistic Congress which will open here on May 25. Special arrangements include reservation of three big railway stations for 200 special trains bringing people to the Congress. It is even thought possible that two provisional stations will be erected.

Some 210 wagon-loads of timber will be needed for stands for 130,000 people.

At this Congress there will be at least seventeen Cardinals, among them the Archbishop of Paris Mgr. Verdier and Mgr. Innitzer of Austria. Also 71 Archbishops and 227 bishops have announced their intention to attend.—Havas.

Twenty-three officials of the "Autonomous Government of South Chahar," arrived in Shimonoseki yesterday in the Kongo Maru on a 20-day tour of cultural and administrative conditions in Japan. The group, led by Mr. Yang Chin-sheng, will leave Kobe on their journey home on May 4.

Nanking Rapidly Recovering

Population Over 400,000: Utility Services Operate Normally

The Japanese population of Nanking, where the new Reformed Government holds its sway, is rapidly nearing the 1,000 mark, the Shanghai "Nippo" reported yesterday. At the end of March, the daily said, there were 430 males and 390 females, with scores of Japanese men and women arriving daily.

The city is now emerging from the terrors of warfare, and its total population today exceeds 400,000, the "Nippo" said. The Water supply, electricity, and telephone are operating normally. Automatic telephone service is being operated in a part of the city. Five post offices manage to cope with the mail.

The city's demand for bread and cakes will be satisfied with the establishment of the Yangtze Flour Manufacturing Company, a Sino-Japanese company, with a daily output of 4,000 bags of flour. With the hot season just around the corner, the Kulou Ice Manufacturing Company, directly controlled by the Japanese Army, and the Kyulung Ice Plant will re-open soon. Now empty of craft, the waterways linking Nanking with Wuhu and Yangchow will be re-opened to traffic within the next few weeks, the Nippo said.

Seven Schools Opened

Catering to the city's linguistic demands, two Japanese and five Chinese language schools are enjoying a roaring business. The Nanking "Minpao," with the daily circulation of 2,000, is "playing an important part in guiding public opinion", the "Nippo" reported. With the daily growth of the Japanese population, the Hankow Bank, with its headquarters in Shanghai, will open a branch in Nanking soon. The first mass meeting of Nanking's Japanese community was held on April 11.

Prince Fushimi in Tokyo

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Commander Prince Hiroyoshi Fushimi, chief of a destroyer flotilla, returned here this morning by train after a term of strenuous duty in China waters. The Prince is the eldest son of Fleet-Admiral Prince Hiroyasu Fushimi, Chief of the Naval General Staff, and was in command of his destroyer flotilla since the outbreak of hostilities in Central China. On September 25, he was slightly wounded by a shell fragment fired from Pootung while directing operations in the Whangpoo from the bridge of his flagship —Domei.

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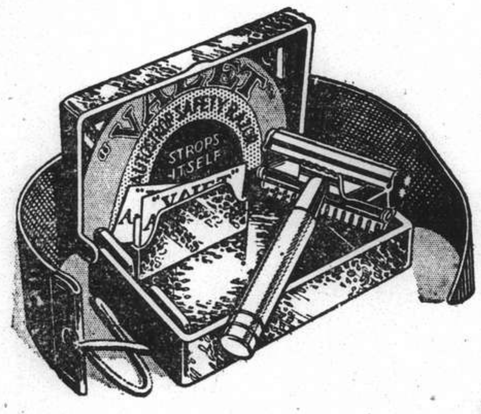

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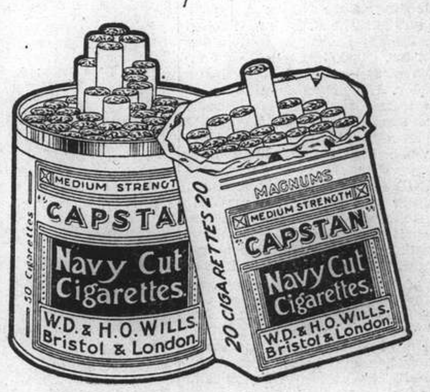

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THE SPORTS PAGE

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Roehampton Just Beats Felixstowe in Fine Finish: Mightylight Takes Steeplechase By A Head: Large Crowd In Attendance

By "The Squire"

THE Shanghai Race Club was again blessed yesterday with a brilliant day for the second day of its Easter Inter-Club Race Meeting. Of greatest interest during the afternoon were the eleventh and twelfth races. In the first of these—nine furlongs—Gold Vase was made a hot favourite, but he performed most disappointingly, finishing nowhere. His appearance in the race attracted a large crowd to the stands. Night Express rapidly shot into the lead, three lengths ahead of Bober, who led the rest of the field by eight lengths. Bober was at Night Express' tail at the Monument and here Gold Vase moved up, but it was soon apparent that he could do nothing. Benlomond showed and than the two ponies from the Henchman stable challenged and the three of them had a tremendous tussle down the straight. As they passed the post no one quite know which had won, but Roehampton, ridden by Clark, got the verdict from Felixstowe, ridden by Marshall. Wade was three-quarters of a length away, third.

The next race was the Shanghai Race Club Cup and Easter Monday Handicap, over eleven furlongs, and it was conceded a certainty for Merry Jester. Well, he won, but what a fright his backers had when Lok had to ride his very utmost to shake off Huntley Times, who was beaten only a head! Mefistofele led a procession, with the favourite lying fourth. At the three-quarter mile post the field moved up a bit on the leader, all of them bunched together, six lengths behind him. They sat down to reduce the distance at the half mile and caught him at the Monument. Then Huntley Times shot to the front and a great duel set in between him and the favourite. Merry Jester paid six dollars both for a win and place.

The Steeplechase

The first event after lunch was the steeplechase—a handicap—and it was surprising to find White Whiskers made the favourite. Port Bradda ran very wide and jumped sideways at the hurdle, then went on to take a lead of four lengths. He was still leading at the Monument and then took off, at Morriss', right in the brush. At the Grand Stand Wall he swerved again, interfering with Steve Brodie, regained the lead, swerved at the hurdle and again took the lead. Other riders in the race were about fed up with Mr. Port Bradda by this time. Steve Brodie now took the lead, followed by Mightylight, with the favourite lying last. White Major began to move up and Port Bradda fell back. Steve Brodie led over Morriss' and looked as though he might maintain his lead, at first staving off a very determined challenge by Mightylight, but twenty lengths from the post he was a beaten pony and 'threw his hand in', Mightylight winning by a head, with White Major four lengths away, third. White Whiskers finished lame.

Going Slow (Keep) was much too good for the favourite, Port St. Mary, in the next race. Legateship took the lead, pulling hard. Pearlylight and Kanoungtoe came up at the half mile, Eureka Exeellent showing at the quarter mile. All were well together half way down the straight, where Going Slow and Port St. Mary forged ahead, the former winning fairly easily.

In the 'A' class mile handicap Lilum took the lead and increased it to ten lengths at the half mile, Blue Boy passing The Cosmopolitan at the Monument. Lilum led into the straight by six lengths and went on to win by two lengths. A great fight set in for second place between Downside, Blue Boy, Bombardment and Romford, Romford getting the better of Bombardment.

Runninglight Wins

The eighth race fell to Runninglight (Chris Moller), who won by three lengths from a stable companion, Tungstenlight (Bell). Sootylight took the lead but was passed by Tyrant Knight, who, taking advantage of his light weight, shot out to a lead of nearly twenty lengths, Toodledo leading the rest at the three-quarters. At the half mile Toodledo came up and passed him at the Monument, Runninglight then passing him and leading into the straight. The field closed on him a bit but he won fairly easily.

The same stable and rider were successful in the next race, over nine furlongs, when Chris Moller brought in Cottonlight an easy winner from the favourite, Lal Bagh.

The Frigate was made favourite in the next race on the strength of his return to form, but he was up against Clark in a very battling mood. The rider astonished Mr. Henchman by taking Woodbridge immediately into the lead and leading from pillar to post. In the straight The Frigate challenged on the rails and Autumnlight on the outside, but Clark had a little bit up his sleeve and won cleverly by a neck. Mr. Henchman admitted that he got a real thrill from this race. On the strength of that, he should have had a heart attack in the next race when his two outsiders Roehampton (Clark) and Felixstowe (Marshall) fought out a terrific finish, the former just getting the verdict.

The seller went to Dolce Farniente—the spotted wonder. The favourite, Carnoustie, never seemed able to get going until they were well in the straight, but once he did get going he came like a house on fire and would have won in another few yards. There was no bid for the winner at the subsequent auction.

Riding honours were shared by Clark with the three winners and Chris Moller, also with three.

Results

1.—Race. (Not held).
2.—Race. ("E" CLASS). 1 mile.
Zucchini (P. G. C.) 155 A. F. Clark 1
Houdini (R. H. McNair) 152 A. Noodt 2
Grey Snake (Old Fashioned) 152 H. Maitland 3
Also ran:—Goldenray (V. L. Xavier), Cinema Morn (R. Morgan), Breezylight (E. J. Bell), Legal Tender (J. S. Chwang), Secret Plane (C. G. Jack), Hobo (G. C. Grossett), Dimedi (V. G. Sung).
Won by 1 length; ½ length.
Time, 2.08¼ sec.
Win, $12.60. Places, $5.80, $7, $7.
3.—Race. ("D" CLASS). 1 mile.
Grenadier late Coronet (Bellenden) 150 E. B. Cumine 1
Sparkfoot (A. H. George) 139 V. L. Xavier 2
Saucylight (Cire) 146 C. B. Moller 3
Also ran:—Smart Morn (G. P. Gram), Pharos (R. H. Robertson), Bengal Lancer (Gabor Renner), Rhino (V. G. Sung), Blenheim (C. G. Jack), Bright Moth (R. Morgan), Belvedere (A. Noodt), Servus (G. Pollock).
Sweep: (1) 336, (2) 91, (3) 253.
Unplaced: 168, 50, 220, 177, 251, 612, 247, 112.
Won by ¾ length; a head.
Time, 2.07⅘ sec.
Win, $82.80. Places, $25.20, $24.20, $15.60.
4.—Race. ("C" CLASS). 1 mile.
Claverton late Candito (A. H. George) 146 R. D. Parkin 1
Sundridge Park (Snack) 154 A. V. Striker 2
Evesham (The Villagers) 155 G. P. Gram 3
Also ran:—Friesenfels (A. C. Kew), Bramshot (Gabor Renner), Birdylight late Fairy Tenuirostres (C. B. Moller), Morning Glory (E. B. Cumine), Dictatorship (J. B. Lok), Dah Wu Dai late Joli Ami (V. G. Sung), Merry Memories (John Sparke).
Sweep: (1) 101, (2) 128, (3) 617.
Unplaced: 663, 466, 108, 230, 203, 658, 643.
Won by a neck; a neck.
Time, 2.08 sec.
Win, $19. Places, $8.20, $15.40, $7.20.
5.—Race. THE EASTER NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. Twice Round: backs to Grand Stand Wall & Water Jump.
Mightylight (Cire) 158 C. B. Moller 1
Steve Brodie (C. S. Franklin) 157 H. Maitland 2
White Major (A. V. White) 155 A. A. White 3
Also ran:—Port Bradda late Leaping Morn (C. G. Jack), White Whiskers (John Sparke).
Sweep: (1) 158, (2) 5, (3) 208.
Unplaced: 88, 210.
Won by a head; 4 lengths.
Win, $34.40. Places, $11.40, $8.60.
6.—Race. ("B" CLASS). 1 mile.
Going Slow late White Sphinx (E. M. H.) 151 H. W. Keep 1
Port St. Mary late Racing Boy (Manxman) 153 A. Noodt 2
Eureka Excellent (G. C. Shaw) 150 P. Y. Vong 3
Also ran:—Pearlylight late Pearl Morn (E. J. Bell), Legateship (H. Maitland), Ideal King (G. P. Gram), Sober Morn (E. B. Cumine), Charminglight late Charming Sparrow (C. B. Moller), Mayorship (J. B. Lok), Kanoungtoe (R. Morgan).
Sweep: (1) 704, (2) 697, (3) 213.
Unplaced: 619, 31, 665, 226, 648, 632, 711.
Won by 2 lengths; 1 length.
Time, 2.04⅘ sec.
Win, $35.40. Places, $9.40, $8.20, $13.20.
7.—Race. ("A" CLASS). 1 mile.
Lilum late Wild Gander (Lal-Divy) 150 L. H. Wade 1
Romford late Reno Morn (A. S. Henchman) 155 Gabor Renner 2
Bombardment (Ment) 159 J. B. Lok 3
Also ran:—Blue Boy (H. Maitland), Downside late Enlargement (G. P. Gram), The Cosmopolitan (H. W. Keep), Pai Yu Shuang (A. Noodt).
Sweep: (1) 477, (2) 241, (3) 709.
Unplaced: 303, 243, 618, 151.
Won by 2 lengths; a neck.
Time, 2.07⅘ sec.
Win, $40.40. Places, $12, $12.40, $10.60.
8.—Race. ("D" CLASS). 9 furlongs.
Runninglight late Running Numbers (Cire) 149 C. B. Moller 1
Tungstenlight late Tungsten (Cire) 151 E. J. Bell 2
Record Mark (Jumiriam) 142 V. L. Xavier 3
Also ran:—Sootylight (R. B. Moller), Airylight late Fairy Ibis (A. Noodt), Toodle-do late Joint Venture (W. G. Turbyfill), Tyrant Knight (R. D. Parkin), Un-Un-Un (H. Maitland).
Sweep: (1) 155, (2) 126, (3) 737.
Unplaced: 682, 308, 156, 702, 645.
Won by 3 lengths; a neck.
Time, 2.21⅕ sec.
Win, $43.60. Places, $14.80, $24, $19.60.
9.—Race. ("C" CLASS). 9 furlongs.
Cottonlight late Houston King Cotton (Cire) 149 C. B. Moller 1
Lal Bagh late Alpino (Lal-Divy) 147 L. H. Wade 2
Cherrybey (D. J.) 153 R. H. Robertson 3
Also ran:—Wet Morn (C. G. Jack), Snappylight late Snapshot, (A. Noodt), Goldenlight late Gold Dollars (E. J. Bell), Charming Swallow (J. B. Lok), Cumshawlight late Cumshaw Morn (R. B. Moller), The Fledgling (H. Maitland), Phantom late Phantom Morn (H. W. Keep).
Sweep: (1) 133, (2)765, (3) 575.
Unplaced: 704, 149, 769, 209, 343, 109, 251.
Won by 1½ length; 1½ length.
Time, 2.22⅘ sec.
Win, $37.60. Places, $11.40, $8.60, $17.40.
10.—Race. ("B" CLASS). 9 furlongs.
Woodbridge late Vivid Morn (A. S. Henchman) 150 A. F. Clark 1
The Frigate (Winsome & Hasty) 156 A. Noodt 2
Autumnlight (Cire) 158 R. B. Moller 3
Also ran:—Going Wrong late Necking Morn (H. W. Keep), The New China (V. G. Sung), Don Patricio (C. G. Jack), Fancylight (C. B. Moller), Flying High late Wild Goose (H. Maitland), Stolzeneck (E. B. Cumine), Merry Hero (J. B. Lok).
Sweep: (1) 632, (2) 303, (3) 671.
Unplaced: 292, 216, 187, 745, 618, 397, 399.
Won by a neck; ½ length.
Time, 2.22⅘ sec.
Win, $20. Places, $9.40, $7.20, $9.80.
11.—Race. ("A" CLASS). 9 furlongs.
Roehampton (A. S. Henchman) 154 A. F. Clark 1
Felixstowe (A. S. Henchman) 152 F. Marshall 2
Beulomond (Makalee) 156 L. H. Wade 3
Also ran:—Night Express (Gabor Rebner), Gold Vase (H. Maitland), Bober late High Fish (G. P. Gram), Frostylight (R. B. Moller), Busted Straight (R. D. Parkin), Magic Eve (John Sparke).
Sweep: (1) 444, (2) 328, (3) 199.
Unplaced: 330, 705, 153, 174, 251, 112.
Won by short head; ¾ length.
Time, 2.20 sec.
Win, $120.60. Places, $25, $23, $11.40.
12.—Race. THE SHANGHAI RACE CLUB CUP & EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP. 11 furlongs.
Merry Jester (C. S. Mao) 161 J. B. Lok 1
Huntley Times late White Emperor (T. Y. Tsoung) 145 J. S. Chwang 2
Army Signal (H. C. Cheng) 140 H. C. Cheng 3
Also ran:—Mefistofele (P. Y. Vong), New General late Black Leopard (Billey Zung).
Sweep: (1) 199, (2) 722, (3) 57.
Unplaced: 726, 360.
Won by a head; 3 lengths.
Time, 2.56⅘ sec.
Win, $6. Places, $6, $10.60.
13.—Race. 101. ¾ mile.
Dolce Farniente (McLaurin) 155 G. P. Gram 1
Carnoustie late Carmine Morn (A. S. Henchman) 158 A. F. Clark 2
Crimsonlight late Crimson Morn (Cire) 155 R. B. Moller 3
Also ran:—Icylight (C. B. Moller), Zafiro (R. Morgan), Dimedi (E. J. Bell), Fageant Morn (C. G. Jack).
Sweep: (1) 974, (2) 912, (3) 663.
Unplaced: 663, 913, 665, 805, 815.
Won by ¾ length; 1 length.
Time, 1.32⅘ sec.
Win, $25.40. Places, $7.80, $6.60, $6.40.

Pres. Roosevelt Opens Season

Major League Baseball Swings Into Action This Week; Forecasters Busy

New York, Apr. 18.

President Roosevelt will open the 1938 Big League baseball season today by hurling the first ball at Washington where the Senators will clash with the Philadelphia Athletics

The world champion New York Yankees will also be seen in action today when they will appear at Boston against the Red Sox, who just failed to make the first division last year.

While these two games are the only official league fixtures for today, there will be a full programme in both divisions tomorrow.

The Yankees will celebrate the occasion by starting off with the season's first double-header, again at Boston.

Other American League encounters call for the Chicago White Sox to entertain the Detroit Tigers, runners-up in last year's pennant race; the Senators to clash with the Athletics at the Capital; and the Cleveland Indians to be at home to the St. Louis Browns, cellar champions.

In National League

In the National League the New York Giants, pennant winners and runners-up of the World Series, will play before a home crowd against the Boston Bees, who finished fifth last season.

The powerful Chicago Cubs, just reinforced by the purchase of Dizzy Dean, will travel to Cincinnati to take on the Reds, who expect to do better than finish last as they did last year.

The St. Louis Cardinals will wage a bitter battle against their old foes, the Pittsburgh Pirates while the Philadelphia Phillies will cross bats with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

While baseball writers and forecasters have picked the New York Yankees to take the 1938 American League pennant in a walk despite the threats of the Detroit Tigers, the National League is considered to be a more open affair.

With the Cubs strengthened by Dizzy Dean, who is expected to strike better form than last year, the battle against the Giants should be the feature of the season.

An interesting feature of the season will be the use of the new National League ball with its five stitches inside of four and raised instead of sunken stitching.

Just what effect on the ball will have on pitchers and batters remains to be seen, although usage of it during the training camps failed to reveal any great difference. Some pitchers prefer it because of the ability to put more curve to their deliveries while others claim they find it difficult to handle the way they want.—United Press.

New Breast-stroke Women's Record

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Aarhuus, Denmark, Apr. 17.

A new world record for the women's 200 metre breast-stroke was set up here today by Miss Cor Kint, of Holland, with a time of 2 minutes 41 seconds. The previous record was set up in 1937 by Miss Jopy Waalberg with 2 minutes 56 seconds.—Reuter.

Los Angeles Rises to Leading Berth

Takes Two Games of Twin Bill on Pacific Coast

San Francisco, Apr. 17.

Scoring the only double victory today in a programme of twin bills, the Los Angeles Angels again climbed to the top of the Pacific Coast baseball league, sharing the honours with Portland.

The Angels crashed out a twin triumph over the Seattle Rainiers. The Portland Beavers were forced to split their double engagement with the Oakland Oaks. Heavy and free hitting featured the opening game between the Angels and the Rainiers, the Los Angeles nine coming through with a 12-7 win. The nightcap was a tight affair, the Angels triumphing after a fine exhibition of bunching their hits and buckling down in pinches, 7-4.

Failure to take both ends of the double-header cost the Beavers sole tenantship of the first berth. They won, 6-2, in the curtain-raiser by making every single count. The lowly Oaks, however, turned the tables on the leaders by a similar performance in the closing tussle which they won, 5-3, although outhit, 10-8.

Hollywood split with the Sacramento Senators, the Missions taking the first game, 5-3, but losing the second, 1-0, to place second. The San Francisco Seals also shared two-game card with the San Diego Padres. The Seals won the opener, 8-4, but the Padres won in the return affair, 4-3.

Detailed Results

OPENERS

	R.	H.	E
Seattle	7	12	1
Los Angeles	15	17	1
San Francisco	8	16	0
San Diego	4	12	1
Portland	6	9	1
Oakland	2	9	1
Hollywood	5	9	0
Sacramento	3	9	2

NIGHTCAPS

Seattle	4	6	0
Los Angeles	7	9	1
San Francisco	3	7	0
San Diego	4	9	0
Portland	3	0	0
Oakland	5	8	0
Hollywood	0	3	0
Sacramento	1	7	1

Team Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Portland	11	6	.647
Los Angeles	11	6	.647
Hollywood	10	7	.588
Sacramento	9	10	.474
Seattle	8	9	.471
San Francisco	8	9	.471
San Diego	7	10	.412
Oakland	4	13	.235

—United Press.

A Portrait of a Winner

A fine study of the head of Mr. Edward Esmond's Phakos, who won the Lincolnshire Handicap on March 23.

Interest Intense in Home Soccer

Fight Against Relegation Bitter in Most Divisions; More Fixtures Today

By "Scrutator"

The Easter week-end is the most trying in the British soccer season. With the end of the season in sight, the struggle for promotion is more intense, while the fight to gain safety and avoid relegation means a big strain on the players of those clubs in the last six places in the table.

None of the leading clubs in the first division won both of the games they played on Friday and Saturday. Arsenal only managed to gain one point and retain the leadership, with Preston North End and Wolverhampton, who gained three points from their games, each a point behind the leaders. Charlton failed to gain a point and as a result dropped in the table, Middlesbrough gained only one point, Brentford three, as did Bolton Wanderers.

At the bottom of the table, none of the relegation candidates succeeded in gaining full points from the two games. Huddersfield, who are the cup finalists, join the Champions, Manchester City, at the bottom of the table, both having 31 points, with Portsmouth at the bottom with 30 points. Everton were successful in obtaining three points, as were Birmingham. Grimsby obtained two, whilst West Bromwich Albion failed to obtain a point.

Second Division

In the Second Division the position at the top is equally interesting. Aston Villa, who had only one game, head the table with 49 points, whilst Manchester United drop from second to fourth place, having obtained only one point. Sheffield United gained three, and Coventry two, to tie each other in second place with 48 points. Aston Villa and Coventry have still two holiday games to play.

Plymouth Argyle would appear to have reached safety as the result of gaining three points. Swansea, who only gained one point, have to meet the Villa on Monday and Tuesday, and the Swans appear to be doomed to join Cardiff City in the Third Division. Notts Forest are a point ahead of the Swans and cannot regard themselves as safe. Blackburn Rovers and the Wednesday obtained two points to increase their total to 33. These teams meet each other on Monday and Tuesday.

Third Division

The only leading clubs in the Third Division Southern to gain four points were Watford and Reading, whilst Queen's Park Rangers gained three to permit Watford to hold the joint leadership with them. Brighton and Bristol City both obtained three points from their two games.

The position in the Northern Section is also an interesting one. Oldham obtained four points, being the only leading club in the Division to do so. They are only a point behind the joint leaders, Hull City and Trammere Rovers who have 47 points these latter clubs, together with Doncaster Rovers, obtained three out of a possible four points. Rotherham only obtained two, whilst Gateshead failed to register a point. Incidentally the Tynesiders lost their unbeaten home record, going down to Doncaster Rovers by the odd goal in five.

In Scotland

In the Scottish League the relegation position is providing more interest than the championship, which appears to be safe in the keeping of Celtic. Queen's Park, the famous amateur side, must be cousing the faithful of Hampden plenty of uneasiness, and their prospects of avoiding relegation do not appear to be very bright. Six Clubs each have 31 points, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Clyde, Queen of the South, St. Mirren and Dundee, with Hamilton having 30 points. Morton cannot avoid relegation, having only 15 points, but with no less than eight clubs all struggling to avoid the second bottom place, the relegation problem of the Scottish League is the most interesting in the five senior divisions.

Baseball Pictures

Members and friends of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. interested in baseball have been invited to see the pictures to be shown on the regular programme there this evening at 8.30 o'clock. "Baseball as Played in the United States" consists of three reels of pictures recently received by the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., and these are to be shown by Mr. B. W. Smith of that association in the main lounge of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. this evening.

Japanese Wrestlers

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

One hundred Japanese wrestlers led by Tamanishika, grand champion, sailed from Hiroshima for Shanghai this afternoon. They will entertain Japanese soldiers in Shanghai, Nanking, Soochow, Hangchow and other cities in Central China.—Domei.

Tail-Wagger Chats

Improving Dogs

By Philokuon

Even in my time, dogs have improved enormously in appearance, and the public attitude towards them has changed materially. Of course, some people have always been fond of dogs, but never in such numbers as at the present time. The Stuart kings were much attached to their toy spaniels and, at a little later date, courtiers, at any rate, suddenly discovered that pugs were wonderful little animals, simply because they happened to be the favourites of William and Mary. That masterful woman Sarah Churchill, afterwards Duchess of Marlborough, wanted to give a puppy to John Churchill before their marriage, and she wrote to him: "Pray see which of these two puppies you like best and that keep; for the bitch cannot let them suck any longer. They are not above three weeks old, so that if you give it warm milk it will not die."

This little domestic incident is recorded in Mr. Winston Churchill's "Life" of the great Duke, but history does not tell us to what breed the puppies belonged. Possibly they were spaniels, as the Duke of Marlborough started what is known as the Blenheim spaniel, now recognized as a variety of the King Charles. In those days, these were rather more than toys, really being like very small cockers, and some of them were actually used in field sports. Indeed, General Hutchinson in his Dog Breaking, first written in 1847, refers to Blenheims and King Charles as the smallest cockers. He adds a comment that King Charles spaniels fetched "immense" fancy prices when well shaped, but were nearly useless to the sportsman, whereas the Blenheim was a lively diligent little fellow in light cover and, from his diminutive size, was able to thread his way through low, thick brushwood more readily than might at first be imagined.

Since the show era these little dogs have been assigned to the toy division. The most important effect of shows has been to segregate breeds and varieties, to improve dogs greatly in their physical appearance and, incidentally, it has been the means of making the general public take a more intelligent interest in the management of their pets. Consequently, I am of opinion that the influence of shows has been beneficial and, judging by the many people who visit them, one assumes that they have greatly stimulated the interest in dogs.

How Huddersfield Beat Sunderland

F.A. Cup Semi-final Gives Unexpected Result in View Of League Records

For nearly two years now Sunderland have had an unbroken run of successes in the F.A. Cup, but this was brought to an end at Blackburn on Saturday when, in the semi-final round of the competition, Huddersfield Town beat them convincingly by three goals to one, says "The Times" of March 28.

This result was, of course, quite unexpected, for the form shown recently by Huddersfield certainly suggested a victory for Sunderland. However, the football played by the winners belied their rather dismal record in the League Championship, and, for the greater part of the game Sunderland were completely outplayed. Sunderland gave the impression of being a side trying hopelessly to find their true form and, in the case of Huddersfield, one felt that they, having got their opponents on the run, were clever enough to keep them there. Even Sunderland's imperturbable defence, which had carried them thus far in the competition without conceding a goal, found itself floundering helplessly before the speed and accuracy of the Huddersfield attack.

Barclay's Scheming

For the most part it was Barclay, in the inside-right position, who planned the general scheme of the Huddersfield attack, and, if only for that reason, a great part of the credit for his side's victory must go to him. Wienand and Beasley on the wings also deserve particular mention, for they did more than anyone else to kill the Sunderland defence, and Young, the centre half-back, not only completely blocked Gurney's path through the centre but he also gave Barclay some invaluable assistance during the earlier stages of an attack. Wienand was, indeed, a most interesting player to watch. When the general run of play was moving away from him he seemed to be taking little or no interest in the proceedings, but when the attack was switched over to his wing he came to life with a suddenness that took his opponents and the spectators completely by surprise and it was, perhaps, this attitude of indifference that lulled the left flank of the Sunderland defence into a false sense of security. At any rate it was significant that Wienand scored one of his side's three goals and had rather more than a hand in the scoring of the other two.

Air of Uncertainty

Sunderland took up the running from the kick-off, and, facing this initial onslaught, both the Huddersfield backs proceeded to miskick their clearances and there seemed to be a general air of uncertainty about their defence. Then, however, there came a startling change, for young launched a counter-attack which swept the Sunderland defence off their feet, and from that moment there was really only one side in the game. Wienand went through on the right wing, beating man after man, and Sunderland only just managed to ease the situation by conceding a corner. Beasley and Macfadyen then worked another opening for Wienand, who had run into the centre, and Sunderland were certainly lucky when Wienand shot wide. But after 20 minutes the inevitable happened. Away went Beasley on the left and his centre was pushed out first by Macfadyen and then by Barclay to Wienand. The outside-right returned the ball beautifully into the centre, and with his left foot Beasley took a shot on the half-volley which gave Mapson no chance.

By half-time Huddersfield might easily have increased their lead by at least two goals, but somehow or other the Sunderland goal escaped. Then, however, with Sunderland trying to force the pace. Wienand broke through a skeleton defence and raced up to the Sunderland goal. His shot had Mapson beaten, but although German headed the ball out Wienand, who had followed up his shot, was there to meet the rebound and that was another goal for Huddersfield. Huddersfield's third goal came when Wienand drew the defence away from the centre to give Macfadyen a clear shot. Towards the end Sunderland began to show something of their true form, and Burbanks got a goal from an opening made by Carter, but this revival came too late.

The teams were:

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN:—Hesford, goal; Craig and Mountford, backs; Willingham, Young, and Boot, half-backs; Wienand, Barclay, Macfadyen, Watson, and Beasley, forwards.

SUNDERLAND:—Mapson, goal; Gorman and Hall, backs; Thompson, Johnson, and Hastings, half-backs; Duns Carter, Gurney, Gallacher, and Burbanks, forwards.

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Ninth Pack Win Wolf Cub Rally at Kiaochow Park

Winners Take Third Title In Succession; Beats Fifth Pack By Score of 41-40½

THE Annual Boy Scouts Outing, technically called as the Wolf Cub Rally, took place yesterday afternoon at Kiaochow Park in fine spring weather before a record attendance of competitors and spectators. Six events were on the programme for competition, with the Ninth Pack coming out victors for the third successive time by scoring a total of 41 points as against the Fifth Pack's 40½ points.

No less than ten units were entered in the Rally and the fight for supremacy has always been very keen. The Second Pack, that finished third in the final standing, showed early promise and took the lead before the intermission, but weakened towards the close. The Ninth and Fifth Packs kept up their pace throughout and ended close together.

The day's activity started with the raising of the Union Jack. In the meantime Mrs. Herbert Phillips, the wife of the British Consul-General, made the inspection, being escorted by Mr. W. C. Cassels, Commissioner of Scouts, Mr. Goodwin, District Cubmaster, and other Cubmasters. Owing to the sudden illness of Mr. W. J. Silvey, Assistant Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, most of yesterday's work fell upon the District Cubmaster, who handled it capably.

Perfect Signalling Score

The opening event was Signalling, which was won by the Ninth Pack. The boys turned in a perfect card, showing a hundred per cent. speed and accuracy. The Fifth Pack came in second and was followed by First Pack 2.

In the Drill-Down (O'Grady says) contest the representatives of the Second Pack turned out to be most obedient. The First Pack boys put up a good fight but lost in the end. The Second Pack won and the victorious team were given loud applause.

Third on the programme and the event before the interval was knotting. Each Cub had to tie a bowline, a reef-knot, a sheet-bend and a clove hitch. In this event the Ninth Pack redeemed their un-doing in the foregoing contest by turning in a perfect score, which incidently kept the team in the running for the championship.

Fire-Lighting Contest

The second half of the programme opened with fire-lighting. Each Pack was entitled to enter two teams of two Cubs. The Ninth Pack and the Eight Pack had a close struggle, with the former finishing 25 seconds ahead of the rivals. The Ninth were clocked in 6 min. 30 secs., while the Eighth completed their task in 6 min. 55 secs. As a result of this contest the Second Pack lost the leading position and the Fifth Pack were also overtaken by the ultimate winners.

Fith Pack came back strong by and were again in the lead when they they took first place in the assembly of camp site models. The boys made a beautiful setting of their ideal camp and fairly deserved the verdict, although the teams from First Pack and Ninth Pack also had good layouts.

As the outing wound to a close and with the championship still in the balance, great attention was centred upon the sixth and last event—the Medley Relay Race. The two leading teams, the Fifth and Second, provided the spectators with a close fight. Each team was represented by five Cubs. The Second Cubs proved faster. The Fifth were second and the Ninth third, which eventually put the latter first in the final standings.

At the conclusion the Fraser Shield, in memory of Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., Chief Scout of North China from 1911-1922, was presented to Earnest Figuereido, who received it on behalf of the winning Pack. Detail scores were:—

	Signal	Drill	Knot	Light	Model	Relay	Total
5th Pack	9	0	9	9	7	7	41
9th Pack	8	2½	8	5	9	8	40½
2nd Pack	3½	9	7	7	3	9	38½
1st Pack 2	7	8	2	6	6	6	35
1st Pack 1	5½	7	4	4	8	3	31½
8th Pack	3½	2½	1	8	5	4	24
3rd Pack	2	5	5	1	4	5	22
4th Pack	5½	1	6	3	0	1	16½
American 1	1	5½	3	2	2	2	13½
American 2	0	4	0	0	0	0	4

Past winners follow:—
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1925 Cathedral School Pack
1926 Cathedral School Pack
1927 Thos. Hanbury School Pack
1930 Jewish School Pack
1931 Jewish School Pack
1933 9th S'hai (Public School) Pack
1934 5th S'hai (Jewish School) Pack
1935 6th S'hai (Catholic School) Pack
1936 5th S'hai (Public School) Pack
1937 9th S'hai (Public School) Pack

Impressive Funeral in Paris for Chaliapine

Huge Crowd Attends Last Rites for Singer

Paris, Apr. 18.

One of the most impressive funerals in Paris this year took place today for Feodor Chaliapin, the great Russian singer.

A huge crowd was present to bid a last farewell to one of the most talented artists of the century.

The removal of the remains took place at 9 a.m. in the presence of a few intimate friends, while the religious services were held at the Russian Orthodox Church on Rue Daru at 9.30 o'clock.

Two motor-hearses loaded with wreaths and flowers formed the funeral cortege.

Among those who sent flowers and wreaths were M. Georges Huisman, managing-director of the Fine Arts Department; Prince Chula, of Siam; Prince Kroupenski, former manager of the Russian Imperial Theatres; the Russian Musical Society and Conservatory, and many others.

Archbishop Eulogus, Chief of the Orthodox Church in Western Europe, received the casket which was covered with crimson velvet braided with gold, at the church.

In the church itself, the Russian clergy sang the funeral rites, while the famous Afonski Cossack Choir joined in the chorus, which was also sung by the choirs of the Russian Opera.

After the religious ceremony, a short memorial was held in the court of the Opera House, a fitting homage by French lyric art to the great singer.

The body was laid to rest in the Batignolles Cemetery, where several speeches were made eulogizing the deceased.—Havas.

I.L.P. Want Coalition

Manchester, Apr. 18.

At the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party here today, a resolution submitted by the National Council respecting "the Popular Front tactic" was adopted by a large majority. An amendment in favour of a coalition with the Labour Party was passed by a vote of 155 to 49. The resolution also advocated a workers' front on the programme of immediate demands on which they agreed.

Well-informed circles here indicated that the incorporation of the I.L.P into the Labour Party is not contemplated.—Havas.

Accident Injures Two

A Settlement Fire Brigade machine and an ambulance turned out one after the other last evening, when some pillars of an iron railing fell to the pavement at 54 Purdon Road, injuring two Chinese.

The accident occurred at about 8.30 p.m., when the balustrade on the first floor of a Chinese shop collapsed. Excited occupants immediately summoned the firemen who called out the ambulance. The condition of the two persons was reported to be not serious.

Trade Flying Record

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 18.

The K.L.M. Royal Dutch airliner, on the Batavia-Croydon route, with ten passengers aboard, broke the commercial record yesterday, flying from Alexandria to Croydon, via Athens, Budapest and Amsterdam, in 12½ hours flying time. The machine's average speed was 192 miles an hour.—Reuter.

Italian Airmen Crash

Rome, Apr. 18.

The four Italian airmen who left Croydon at 11.10 (G.M.T.) yesterday morning for Tripoli, where they intended to set out on an attempt to beat the Croydon-Cape record, crashed today near Tripoli. None of them was killed, but one or more were injured.—Reuter.

Japanese Offensive in South Shantung

(Continued from page 5)

kan aerodrome on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in Hupeh province, the Japanese Fleet authorities announced in a communiqué at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Chinese planes were seen enveloped in flams, the communiqué said. No Chinese aircraft rose to engage the raiders, which returned to their base safely.

Three successive raids were made by naval planes on the aerodromes at Hankow and Wuchang between 1 o'clock yesterday morning and dawn, the communiqué also stated. The aerodromes and military establishments were "severely damaged," the communiqué claimed.

All planes of the raiding squadrons returned successfully to their bases without meeting any resistance from Chinese aircraft, the statement concluded.

Sailor from Bee Believed Drowned

Able Seaman Peacock, of H.M.S. Bee, British gunboat, fell overboard yesterday morning from a sampan close to the ship, and is believed to have been drowned. A naval enquiry is being held to ascertain the details of the unfortunate incident, which was the cause of some excitement early yesterday morning, when warships of all Nationalities turned on their searchlights and lit up the river in the hope of saving the missing man.

Mystery Explosions Rock Hankow

Fire Destroys Factory at Chungshan Park

Hankow, Apr. 18.

A huge conflagration, sending out columns of black smoke which covered the Hankow sky-line, broke out early this afternoon following three explosions in a factory in the vicinity of Chungshan Park, in the western outskirts of the city. Matsheds surrounding the factory were also destroyed in the blaze.

The cause of the explosions, which were heard throughout Hankow, has not yet been ascertained.

The fire, which quickly spread to the matsheds where coolies and labourers lived, raged for nearly two hours before it was finally brought under control.—Reuter.

Britain May Call Trade Conference

Economic Truce on Tariff "War"

London, Apr. 18.

The political correspondent of the "Sunday Chronichle" said today that Great Britain is preparing to call a conference to establish a world-wide trade pact to stimulate industria revival.

The report said the conference would be announced shortly. Present plans call for discussing the cessation of trade quotas and tariffs, the problem of raw materials and the stabilization of currencies under an exchange equalization fund, the story asserted.—United Press.

Japanese Steam Launch In Collision

River Accident Occurs off Tungkow, Pootung

A Japanese launch was involved in an accident on Sunday night, when it collided with a tug on the river. Several Japanese were said to have been thrown off the launch in the collision and their fate was not known.

The accident occurred off Tungkow, Pootung, at about 9.30 p.m. The tug, St. Aubin, belonging to the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., was returning to Shanghai when she came into collision with the launch.

Gang Use Hand-grenades

Within the period of 30 minutes last evening, two robberies took place in the Settlement. The gangs escaped with a booty valued in total at $1,400. The first crime was reported at No. 280 Markham Road at 6.45 p.m., when eight men, six of whom were armed with hand grenades of "Mills" type, robbed the occupants of money and clothing valued at $900. At 7.15 p.m. the second crime was perpetrated at No. 14, Lane 284, Ningpo Road. Altogether six men, two of whom were armed with pistols, took part, escaping with $500 worth of clothing and cash.

Salesman Who was a Second-hand Author

Sentenced for Fraud for Cribbing from Magazines

Arthur Percival Alfred Twinn, also known as Gordon Carroll, a 21-year-old salesman, of Shrewsbury Road, East Ham, London, who was alleged to have obtained money from publishers for stories which he did not write, was sent to prison at East Ham recently, states the "Manchester Guardian."

He pleaded guilty to four charges of obtaining, by false pretences, from two publishing firms, D. C. Thomson and Co., Ltd., and C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd., two sums of £15 and one of £12 10s. and attempting to obtain £12 10s., by falsely pretending that the manuscripts of stories were his own original and unpublished work. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

The titles of the four stories concerned were stated to be "She Ran the Risk and Paid the Price," "The Judas at the Rectory," "The Temptress in Their Home," and "The Shamed Girl of Helgate Farm."

Mr. Donald McIntyre, prosecuting, said that Twinn extracted from magazines published by the prosecutors stories which he typed out. He sometimes altered the actual title and always altered the actual names of the characters. Messrs. Thomson found that the story "She Ran the Risk and Paid the Price" was identical with the story entitled "Behind Her Smile the Danger Lurked" which appeared in "The Miracle" in 1936.

An Explanation

Twinn, asked for an explanation, stated that Miss Jean Burnett, an American writer, of New York, sent to his literary agency a manuscript entitled "Hidden Guilt" which she had submitted to several American magazines without success. He revised and retitled the story, and when it was accepted he took the liberty of signing for it on behalf of Miss Burnett and sent the money, less his commission, to her.

The manuscript was submitted in good faith on his part, and he had written to Miss Burnett asking her for an explanation. He realised now, in view of the distressing sequel, that he should have obtained Miss Burnett's signature and he should have explained the origin when he submitted it.

Mr. McIntyre said that when Twinn's premises were searched no record of any communications with anyone in America could be found. A great number of magazines were discovered. They were marked "submit to Thomson's," "submit to Pearson's," and the stories were marked whether it was safe or dangerous to submit a manuscript at that time. It was a matter of great moment to publishers and it must be stopped, not only in the interests of the two firms prosecuting, but of every member of the publishing community.

Asked if he had anything to say, Twinn replied, "No, except to say I have been a fool. I did not realise the seriousness of what I was doing."

China to Oppose Move Sanctioning Victors

Abyssinian Conquest Never Recognized

Hankow, Apr. 18.

At the forthcoming meeting of the Council of the League of Nations China must, firstly, explain her support of the League and her opposition to armed aggression and, secondly, refuse to recognize the Italian conquest of Abyssinia, declares the influential "Ta Kung Pao" in a leading article this morning.

"Great Britain," the newspaper continues, proposes reconsideration of the League resolution concerning Abyssinia in order to permit League members freedom to act independently, thus overthrowing the past resolution by the League on Abyssinia.

"Great Britain, which stood most for sanctions against Italy," the journal goes on, "is now proposing recognition of the Italian conquest. This is a big blow to the League.

"With China engaged in a war for existence, she has no power to interfere in European affairs and she can do nothing to check the fall of the League's prestige.

"China, however," the journal points out, "cannot support any action which will prejudice the prestige of the League of Nations or encourage armed aggression."

The "Ta Kung Pao" makes clear that "China's friendship with Great Britain is of the most serious concern to the Chinese people. We must explain to Britain our stand regarding China's sovereignty in Manchuria and also Japan's expansion and aggression in China.

"Not only do we call Britain's serious attention to these questions, but we also want her assurances on them.

"In any case," the journal concludes, "non-recognition of the result of armed aggression must remain the fundamental policy of the Chinese Government."—Reuter.

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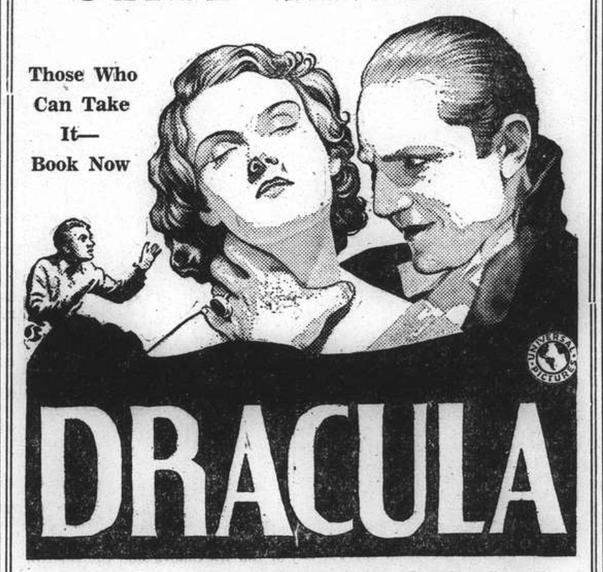
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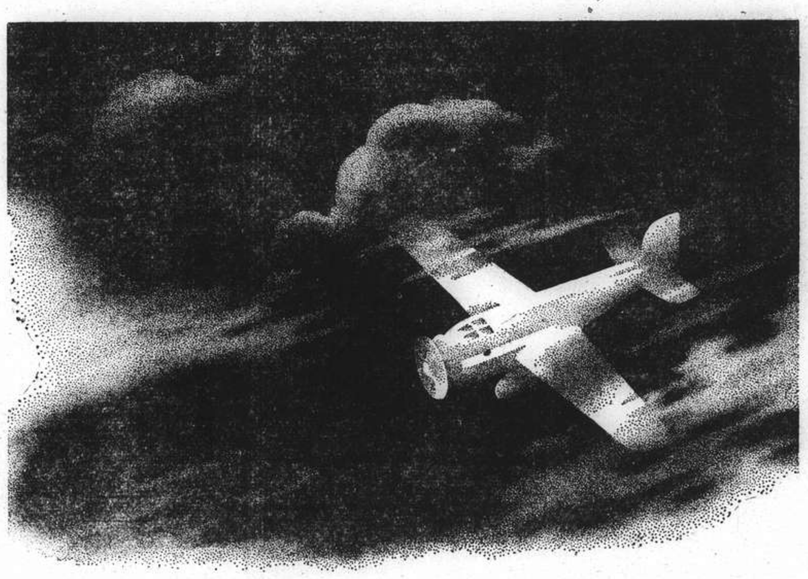
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The Widow's Great Sorrow

Her Granddaughter's Smart Analysis; Great Problem Solved By Planting of Cabbages;

By H. A. Manhood (*In the "Daily News"*)

In little more than a month after the death of her husband old Alice Torty had wilted from a sturdy, self-reliant dame to a weak, aimless ghost, dying too, though not from any illness of the flesh, but simply because she had no desire to live. Life had lost all taste and colour, and the beauty of early autumn was no more than flapping rags and water gabble to her weary senses.

Joe gone and herself left standing like a useless, splintered stump. Death had passed close to them before, but without souring either. Joe, bluntly philosophical, without an enemy, had often said that when his time came he'd go in pride, without scrooping or wailing.

He didn't believe in any hereafter. Life and heaven were here and now, and the wise ones knew it, found honey where they could.

He had died easily, sad for Alice, but careless for himself. Alice, dumbly alone, beyond tears, all warmth and courage gone with him, sat now, wishing death for herself.

Day after day she sat in the sloping garden, back of her daughter's cottage, quiet and still, caged in the shade of a twisted quince tree that was somehow like the burnt-out wreck of proud faith, unwarmed by sun or kindly word, her scarred hands folded in her lap like chopped roots, her knees laxly spread, her heavy black boots jutting beyond the dragging hem of her serge skirt, warped and unpolished, sad as hooves on a knacker's tailboard.

For a week, Nell her daughter, had tried to badger her mother back into life; then, when bright word, hard word, and all her prodding failed, she shrugged and gave it up, only muttering sometimes that some folk didn't know when they were well off.

Only Nell's own child Tilly remained interested in the old lady. Tilly was thin, twiggy almost, freckled, lank-haired and snatch-handed, with pale, unwinking, serenely inquisitive eyes that seemed to slip into one's mind like a rifling knife into a money-box; no answer satisfied her questions hatching pell-mell in her cold, persevering mind, uncomfortable, fish-slipping questions uttered in a tumbling bird-squawk of a voice.

From a distance she studied the old lady, determined, it seemed, to fathom the workings of old age for herself, by imitation, since questions brought no satisfying answer.

She sat, at a distance, in exactly the same attitude as Alice, with quick, occasional glances to see that she was indeed exactly right.

She even borrowed a bonnet and shawl and an old horse-rug for skirt, and because her own feet hung unconvincingly, a pair of her mother's boots to place under.

Dim Realization

For days Alice did not notice. Then, waking one morning to Nell's call, she saw the child, utterly still and absorbed, dwarfed old age, saw herself, empty, outside life, even a little absurd.

She was hurt. She worried about it, thinking how best to defeat Tilly, saying nothing, only bringing a Bible with her next time she sat, reading with a tiny, self-righteous sense of triumph.

But Tilly, although she could not read, was not disturbed, indeed was pleased at a variation in the game. She too brought a book, bending low, her lips moving as did the old lady's, and with as little meaning as Alice had to admit. For somehow, she could not read the foxed pages; the tale was too cold, hung in chains, and besides, flies came and walked distractingly, bees too, as if they mistook the foxings for the brown ghosts of flowers.

Alice quite forgot her Bible, looking towards the hives in the lower garden. Joe's stocks had been brought there after dark in the carrier's van with the few bits of things she had kept to furnish a room for herself.

She shut her Bible, straightened her shawl, and walked slowly down the path towards the hives. Grass grew between the bricks of the path. She must ask Nell for boiling water next wash-day, pour it between the bricks. Joe had hated furred paths, as he called them.

She carried a faintly salted pan of water near to the hives, hunting for a pebble or two for foothold for the bees, bending and searching with difficulty, ridiculously stiff but determined, unwilling to ask Tilly's help.

Then she noticed, for the first time, the clear print of a hand upon a half-painted hive, Joe's hand. He must have rested heavily upon it for support through one of his swimmy turns. A strong, square hand, how well she knew it.

After an anguished night she stayed abed beyond her usual hour the next morning, stiff and cold, unwilling to move again. Until she saw Tilly watching her through the window, squinting determinedly through the sea-green glass. For a little while she lay quiet, pretending sleep, but Tilly stared pitilessly on. Her mother called and Stones clattered and Alice heard a bird-sudden question:

"What's wrong with Gran Mum?"

"Nothing as I know of."

"Then why....?"

"Oh, be quiet, child. When you're as old as she is you'll know."

"Yes, but——"

"She just don't care, that's all. Now run along."

And back Tilly came to the window, wide-eyed, more curious than ever. Alice positively itched under her inquisitive gaze. She thought of giving her a penny to go away and, unconcernedly as she could, got out of bed to look for her purse. But there were only useless keys and buttons in the purse.

It seemed silly to get back into bed after so much scurrying, so she dressed and went into the kitchen. Tilly was there before her, questioning urgently:

"Why don't you care?"

Nell cuffed her daughter lightly: "Now you get along. The kettle won't be a minute, Ma."

Alice wanted to explain, to ask for a penny for Tilly, to stop her staring. But Nell was busy, kneading dough, a fine figure, humming a forthright song, not giving a damn even though she was expecting another child before the month was out.

Alice knew what Nell would say about pence to stop starting, so she said nothing, only drank her tea, took her cup to the sink and washed and dried it.

Afterwards she went out into the garden to the woodshed, shutting herself in, safe from Tilly's gaze, brooding grimly, reaching back to Joe and forwards to Nell, finding no place for herself, lost in a waking nightmare.

At first, the smoke wisping thinly between the ancient weather-boards had seemed but a part of that nightmare. Then she began to cough, waking to a thorny crackling.

Alice coughed and blinked. A mouse bolted in panic and flame skewered suddenly very close.

Alice came hastily alive, forgetting all dignity and despair, wrenching open the door, scampering noisily to safety.

A pile of old straw against the woodshed wall was blazing strongly, the shed itself smoking and smouldering, and there was Tilly, matchbox still in hand, capering and crowing triumphantly.

"You do care! You do care!"

Alice tidied herself primly, taking the matches from the gleeful Tilly, tempted to clump, but vaguely realizing the service she had done.

Nell came running, and Tilly bolted. Nell swore a lot, but between them they raked and doused the flames.

"It's that brat, Till. Lord only knows where she gets her ideas from. Just wait until I lay hands on her!"

Tilly watched prudently from a corner of the house while Alice placated her angry daughter.

"'Tis the nature of children to do such things after all. Don't you remember the time you soaked the parson's hat in paraffin because he wouldn't believe in your miracle, and the way it popped into flames when he passed the candle?"

Nell had quite forgotten, but now she remembered, laughing uproariously, Alice with her. Now that she was able to laugh again, Alice wanted to cry, too, with relief, but she didn't.

She shared a pot of tea with the reminiscent Nell, then took up a basket of cabbage plants from the porch where young Joe had dropped them the night before.

Alice found a trowel and began planting the cabbages.

Tilly, watching interestedly, idling cautiously to the other end of the row, kneeling in imitation, pretending to plant.

Alice straightened herself, shrugging the stiffness from her bones, offering a plant. But Tilly shook her head warily: "Mum won't let me."

"Nonsense, child. If you do as I do she'll be pleased."

Tilly looked doubtful, edging nearer.

"Look now, like this."

"Like this?"

"That's it....Very carefully, because it hurts if you break the roots."

With pursed lips and swinging hair Tilly planted the cabbage, looking to Alice for approval.

"Sympathetic" Toothache

Alice smiled too, remembering the burning shed. A good, definite way of finding out how much one cared. As if guessing her thoughts, Tilly asked suddenly: "Why didn't you care, Gran?"

"I don't know, child." Alice groped for explanation, for words to convey heartache, no warmth or footing, a stripping after comfort, loss of love well-known, but Tilly spoke first, bird-sudden, sympathetically.

"Like after toothache?"

Alice nodded gratefully, and Tilly, satisfied, nodded too, understandingly, perfectly satisfied, all interest centred now on the planting, on this babying of green things which would die or not as she mothered them.

Alice knelt again, safe and sound, hot-faced at her escape, deeply amused. Yet grief was like that. Joe would have understood, even the tooth bit. And, thinking of teeth, she remembered the old set of his with the gold plates; sold, it would amply pay for Nell's lying-in—new teeth for old—Joe would have liked that too.

Paris Bourse Report

Paris, Apr. 17.

The past week on the Bourse was one of the best recorded in a long time as National Bonds gained several points while a number of shares also marked increases of over 10 per cent., and in some cases even over 15 per cent.

The large majority votes in the Chamber of Deputies and in the Senate when the Daladier Cabinet proposed its financial bill, caused a sensation on the Bourse and provoked the very favourable trend. The change in the state of affairs on the Bourse, it appears, is almost similar to a vote of confidence in the Government, which it is hoped will put a definite end to social conflicts and strikes in factories.

Other factors also encouraged the market, however. The general easing noted in the international political situation following the Anglo-Italian rapprochement and the good trend on Wall Street, where a favourable reception was given to President Roosevelt's speech announcing new $7,000,000,000 credits to be devoted to stimulating business, are among the aiding causes.

On the exchange market, the success of Premier Daladier had similar happy effects. The unfavourable tendencies of the franc were brought up short and the French Equalization Fund had to be used to avoid too great fluctuation. In this manner, a large reserve of foreign exchange was bought up.

The pound sterling closed the week last Thursday at 158.23 francs as compared to 162.25 francs the week before. The gold dollar also went down from 32.65 to 31.77. Reports on future sales, too, were favourable. Sterling to three months came down from 4.62 francs to 2.72, while the gold dollar came down from one franc to 59.5 centimes.—Havas.

Manila Gold Shares

(Closing Bids in Pesos)

	Apr. 14	Apr. 16
Antamok	.49	.51
Atok	.24	.24
Benguet Consolidated	9.40	9.50
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	Unq.	.34
Mine Operations	.11	.11
San Mauricio	.42	.45
United Paracale	Unq.	Unq.

Turnover: 135.000 pesos.

Index: (closing prices: mutilated.—Reuter.

March Rubber Outputs

	lb.
Henrietta Rubber Estate Ltd.	120.000
Sungei Matang Rubber Est., Ltd.	32,500

Man's Losses By Gambling

Denies Offered Himself on U.S. Marriage Market

Extravagant living and heavy losses by gambling and speculating on the Stock Exchange were said to be the causes of the failure of Malise Herbert Stewart, 27, of Campden Hill-square, when he attended the London Bankruptcy Court on March 15 for his public examination, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

His statement of affairs showed liabilities of £28,418. His assets, consisting of equities in pledge tickets, were put down as "doubtful."

Previous Failure

Replying to Mr. Bruce Park, Official Receiver, he said that a receiving order was made against him in September, 1934. In February, 1935, the order was discharged. The court then approved a scheme under which 5s in the £ was paid on liabilities of £5,267 after debts of £12,142, mostly loans from his mother, had been withdrawn.

Following that arrangement. Stewart said, he went to South Africa to seek employment, but he was unsuccessful and returned. From August, 1935, to November, 1936, he worked on half commission for a firm of stockbrokers.

He speculated in stocks and shares and incurred heavy losses. In December, 1936, he went to America, taking letters of credit, cash and travellers' cheques worth about £7,000, including £5,000 borrowed from a moneylender.

While there, he said he speculated extensively in shares and incurred a considerable loss.

Mr. Bruce Park: Before your previous failure you had about £1,000 a year from your mother?—Yes.

In one year before that receiving order, did you lose more than £10,000 in share speculations, £2,850 by betting in casinos and on horse-racing, and spend on yourself over three times as much as that allowance?—I think I did.

Liabilities

Since then you created liabilities at the rate of about £12,000 a year?—I take that figure from you as correct.

Do You take any credit for that fact?—I certainly do not.

Stewart agreed that his present deficiency account showed that since Feb. 28, 1935, his household and personal expenses amounted to £8,320 and his gambling losses to £10,000. His total expenses were £32,864 and his income £4,446.

He said that he visited places in America for pleasure, spending considerable sums on extravagant living and incurring heavy losses by betting and gambling.

Mr. Bruce Park: Why did you go to America?—To get married.

Do you mean you were offering yourself on the marriage market?—No, I went to marry a specific lady.

He said he had believed that the parents of the woman, who was about 24, were wealthy, but they would not have parted with money to him.

Mr. Bruce Park: Did you go there to gamble?—To speculate.

Questioned regarding his illness, Stewart said that he suffered from internal hemorrhage.

Mr. Bruce Park: Was that brought about by high living and excessive drinking?—Certainly not.

He added that he returned to England on Jan. 27, 1937, having spent all his money with the exception of about £100.

Hoped For Help

Since April, 1937, he had been without employment, but he continued to borrow money and incur liabilities. He had hoped friends would come forward and guarantee his banking account.

Mr. Bruce Park: Why should they? Would it not be like throwing money down the drain?

Stewart: Not the drain.

He denied that he went to Panama and New Zealand to avoid bankruptcy proceedings. He bought a bracelet for £400 which he pledged for £70.

Mr. Bruce Park: You know the expression "stumer cheques"?—Too well.

I have some which you have passed at home and abroad, and a list of debts incurred in various parts of the world. On your trips did you give your true name?—Yes.

And allow people to know you as an Englishman?—Yes.

Gold Cigarette Cases

The Official Receiver quoted from an account which showed that Stewart bought silk pyjamas at £3 10s a pair and peaches at 2s 6d each.

"I would like to go into that account," said Stewart.

He agreed that he gave away a diamond and sapphire watch which cost £32. He also bought five gold cigarette cases, including one in March, 1937, for £115.

Mr. Bruce Park: Did you get gold cases because they are easily pledged, and were they in and out of pawnshops continuously?—No.

How many times had they been in before you finally pledged them?—Probably once.

The examination was concluded.

Submarine "Vanishes" From France

Spanish Republican Craft Fully Tested

Paris, Apr. 18.

Further particulars about the dramatic escape of the Spanish Republican submarine "C IV." from the port of Verdon at the mouth of the Gironde, have now been revealed.

The submarine left the port last Thursday under the supervision of a French gunboat, to carry out manœuvres to test whether it was in diving trim.

The submarine submerged, appeared on the surface again and then submerged a second time whereupon it failed to re-appear. The French gunboat waited for several hours in vain.

It is known that the submarine had sufficient fuel on board to enable it to reach a Spanish Republican port. It had also taken on board all armament which had been dismantled when it first arrived in the French port for repairs.—Trans-Ocean.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Consolidated Rubber Co. Annual Meeting

$310,000 Profit Made During Past Year

The 24th annual general meeting of the Consolidated Rubber Estates, (1914) Ltd. was held on Thursday afternoon in the offices of Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Mr. W. B. O. Middleton, chairman, presiding, supported by Messrs. H. Martin Little, and K. G. Stephenson, (directors), and W. Mellor, representing the secretaries. A total of 60,956 shares were represented by the attendance at the meeting. In his speech, the chairman said:—

On the Sitiawan Estate the general condition of the trees remains more or less unchanged with neither improvement nor retrogression to be recorded. Bark renewal continues to be slow but with a continuation of the rests from tapping with the present system of periodical tapping it would appear we shall be able to continue tapping with moderate yields for many years. To offset the slow bark renewal it is pleasing to report the comparative absence of root disease and the fields can still carry a full stand of trees.

Drastic Tapping

Drastic tapping has been continued over the 22 acres in Field 14 earmarked for replanting and scheduled to be done next year. The yields from this drastic tapping are satisfactory.

With the Alexandra Estate the general condition of the trees continues to be good but it must be admitted there is a gradual falling off in the yields. This has the close attention of the management and with the continuation of a less severe system of tapping and a routine of thorough manuring which has been authorized to cover a cycle of three years, it is hoped that the yields wil be increased. The trees carry quite good bark reserves.

In the Sungei Nibong Division good progress has been made in the replanting of the 19.5 acres in Field 1 In my last address I told you the manager had been instructed t consider bark renewals and bark reserves of greater importance than increased yields. With resting certain areas and a more conservative system of tapping, these instructions are being carried out and should produce reasonable yields for more years to come.

There is nothing new to report about Lumut Etate which continues to be in a satisfactory condition.

In the report you will have noted the provisional assessments for 1938 and these compared with 1937 are as follows:—

	1936 lb.	1937 lb.
Sitiawan	414,800	414,740
Alexandra and Sungei Nibong	537,900	626,926
Lumut	366,800	364,915

There is a reduction of 89,026 lb. in the Alexandra and Sungei Nibong Estates, An appeal has been made against this cut with no success and it is not now likely that the assessment will be increased.

Cost of Production

You will also note the net cost of production is St. cents 16.86 per lb. as against 17.84 last year with respective quantities of rubber sold of 1,048,123 lb. and 727,204 lb. at St. cents 30.77 for this year and 25.75 last year. These factors are reflected in the good accounts before you.

The estates were visited periodically by our technical adviser, Mr. H. C. Pinching, whose advice has been of great assistance to the Company, and our thanks are due to him, the estate manager and staff and Straits agents for their good care of our properties throughout the year.

Turning to the accounts, the profit for the year is $309,914.65 to which must be added $10,730.56, making a total of $320,645.21. This less three interim dividends of $0.10 each amounting to $145,451.10, leaves $175.-194.11 for distribution.

I trust you will agree to the appropriations as set forth in the report before you. Your directors consider it a safe and wise policy to write down what I might call property assets on perhaps a generous but not excessive scale. Also the reserve of a further $30,000 to replanting and cultivation account is a necessary one for the future development of the estates.

At the two extraordinary general meetings held to-day and immediately preceding this meeting, resolutions have been passed authorizing the alterations in the articles of association and the scheme of arrangement for the adjustment of the capital of the company. We are now in a position to submit our case to H.B.M. Supreme Court for permission to act on them.

The Resolutions

There being no questions, the following resolutions were passed:—

That the report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1937, as presented be accepted; proposed by Mr. W. B. O. Middleton and seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie.

That a final dividend of 20 cents local currency per share, (making a total of 50 cents local currency per share for the year), be paid: proposed by Mr. W. B. O. Middleton and seconded by Mr. H. Kadoorie.

That Mr. K. G. Stephenson be re-elected a director of the company; proposed by Mr. W. Mellor and seconded by Mr. Kay C. Chun.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company; proposed by Mr. Kay C. Chen and seconded by Mr. Chun Kee Jack.

At extraordinary meetings held prior to the annual general meeting, resolutions were passed altering the Articles of Association of the company in accordance with an order made by H.M. Supreme Court on March 8, 1938.

Japanese Manoeuvres

Bluejackets of the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party will hold manœuvres this morning from 3 to 6 o'clock. The manœuvres will be held in the Woosung-Kiangwan area and in the vicinity of the International Race Course at Yingshiangkong. They were scheduled to have been held last Saturday morning but were postponed until today.

Silver Quotations

London, Apr. 18.

	Apr. 14	Apr. 13
London spot	18 1/16 d.	Closed.
„ forward	18 1/16 d.	„
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$5.00 1/4	Closed.
One U.S. dollar	47.976d.	do.
Gold	139/8d.	do.

—Reuter.

Shanghai March Foreign Trade

Imports Total $19,233,499 Exports $12,554,225 Noted From the Customs Returns

A grand total of $19,233,499 for foreign imports from abroad during March 1938, swelling the January-March figure to $51,784,001 is noted from the returns issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs for Shanghai. Exports totalled $12,554,225 for March and $33,633,787 for the January-March period.

Net Imports

(Including Bond Withdrawals)

	March 1937 C.S.$	Jan.-Mar. 1938 C.S.$
Cotton piece goods, grey	14,815	26,246
Piece white or dyed	164,756	301,401
Piece printed	10,512	14,699
Piece miscellaneous	49,492	86,655
Cotton, raw, yarn	64,655	795,513
Cotton, manu, sundry	43,107	83,995
Flax, ramie, hemp	165,993	929,156
Wool and Manu.,	972,148	1,753,060
Silk	52,680	106,612
Metal and Ores	2,877,770	7,063,617
Machinery and Tools	1,721,787	5,073,004
Vehicles and vessels	804,549	1,572,211
Metal Manu.,	723,399	2,101,164
Fishery Products	192,614	401,192
Canned Goods	302,429	785,375
Cereals and Flour	1,570,241	6,952,167
Fruits, seeds	59,657	218,939
Medicinal goods	195,757	254,769
Sugar	102,922	297,551
Wines, beer	56,801	140,834
Tobacco	791,709	3,749,258
Pharmaceuticals	602,576	1,569,963
Dyes, varnishes	556,063	1,061,294
Candles, resins, etc.,	2,962,985	6,185,855
Books, maps, paper	2,646,436	6,085,636
Hides, leather, etc.,	96,926	211,418
Timber	226,041	263,827
Bamboo, straw, etc.,	127,427	221,647
Coal, fuel, tar	348,604	1,506,485
Chinaware, etc.,	96,661	337,862
Stone, earth	21,583	110,440
Sundry	580,399	1,409,26
Grand Total	19,233,499	51,784,001

Net Exports

Animal Products	2,130,393	6,773,93
Hides, leather	326,215	624,626
Fish products	8,622	15,801
Beans and peas		
Cereals		
Dyestuffs, vegetables	1,145	72,678
Fruits, preserves	13,089	35,28
Medicinals	72,737	202,622
Oils, tallow, wax	783,851	2,741,104
Seeds	64,618	75,559
Spirituous beverages	32,629	83,363
Sugar		
Tea	1,194,792	3,630,145
Tobacco	650,794	1,374,967
Vegetables	9,251	46,614
Vegetable products	63,313	102,222
Bamboo	1,309	5,537
Fuel	16,564	49,813
Rattan	41	95
Timber	39,366	105,948
Paper	72,037	172,559
Textile fibres	704,534	2,448,203
Yarn, thread	2,776,792	6,610,745
Piece goods	1,022,322	2,504,042
Other textiles	159,809	451,761
Ores, metals	196,746	507,003
Glass, glassware	31,549	83,266
Stone, earth	95,763	226,577
Chemicals	145,871	334,505
Printed Matter	213,934	648,531
Sundry	1,726,137	3,708,166
Grand Total	12,554,225	33,633,787

Imports from and Exports to Foreign Countries: Value of Gold and Silver—By Countries

	Gold March 1938 G.U.	$	Silver March 1938 G.U.	$
Imported From				
British India	209,357		209,357	
Hongkong	870,077		2,488,682	
Total Imports	1,079,434	*	2,698,039	**

	Gold Jan.-Mar. 1938 G.U.	$	Silver Jan.-Mar. 1938 G.U.	$
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British India	209,357		209,357	
Hongkong	870,077		2,488,682	
Total Imports	1,079,434	*	2,698,039	**

* Bank-notes, face value Chinese $6,421,000, Piastres 18.540, and £40,383, were imported during the month.

** Bank-notes, face value Chinese $15,879,640, Piastres 18,540 £42.121 and U.S. $67,047, were imported during the period.

Imports from and Exports to Foreign Countries: Value of Gold and Silver

Imports	March 1938 G.U.	$
Gross Imports	8,751,483	
Less Re-exports Abroad	233,547	
Net Imports	8,517,936	19,233,499
Exports		
Gross Exports		12,563,532
Less Reimports from Abroad		14,307
Net Exports		12,554,225
Total Net Imports and Exports		31,787,724
Excess of Imports Exports		6,679,274

	January-March 1937 G.U.	$	1938 G.U.	$
Imports				
Gross Imports	71,996,358		23,411,262	
Less Re-exports Abroad	185,970		452,455	
Net Imports	71,810,388	164,646,541	22,958,807	51,784,001
Gross Exp.	125,224,137			33,698,098
Less Reimports from Abroad	42,601			64,311
Net Exp.	125,181,536			33,633,787
Total Net Imports and Exports	289,328,077			85,417,788
Excess of Imports Exports	39,465,005			18,150,214

Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Apr. 17.

Exceptionally heavy selling was encountered in the Bombay cotton market during the past week on the improved technical situation. There is a feeling that should American advices become a little more encouraging, the market might feel a shortage of contracts.

Although trading in futures was active, with the tone rather better, the spot market is still quiet, with exports enquiry very slow and domestic mills not buying beyond immediate requirements.—Reuter.

Japanese Gov't Bonds

Osaka, Apr. 18.

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Foreign countries took Canadian merchandise to the value of C.$491,-867,199 compared with C.$471.542,665, and Empire countries C.$443,986,600 compared with C.$426,521,116; both groups recorded increases of slightly more than four per cent.

The United States was Canada's best customer during the ten months, taking goods of Canadian manufacture to the value of C.$382,290,215 compared with C.$360,098,908; the United Kingdom was second with a value of C.$354,302,080 compared with C.$354,394,266. The total to Australia was C.$26,870,094 compared with C.$22,810,505; Japan, C.$21,848,483 compared with C.$17,656,501; Belgium, C.$13,696,841 compared with C.$21,-352,442.

New Zealand was next in order with C.$13,277,082 compared with C.$9,516,710; British South Africa, C.$12,725,358 compared with C.$12,391,300; Netherlands, C.$11,810,300 compared with C.$9,619,613; Germany, C.$9,805,428 compared with C.$6,097,-056; British West Indies, C.$9,582,643, compared with C.$7,367,481; Newfoundland, C.$8,377,788 compared with C.$6,952,341; Argentina, C.$6,687,-895 compared with C.$3,173,563; France, C.$6,217,391 compared with C.$10,167,066, and Norway C.$5,353,090 compared with C.$6,037,386. Exports of farm implements and machinery from Canada in January last were valued at C.$768,000 compared with C.$514,000 in January 1937.

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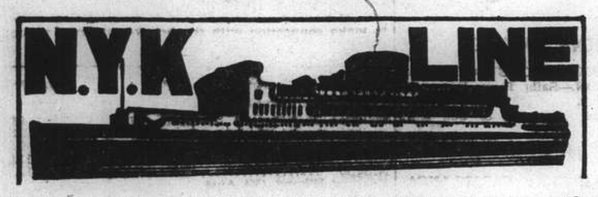

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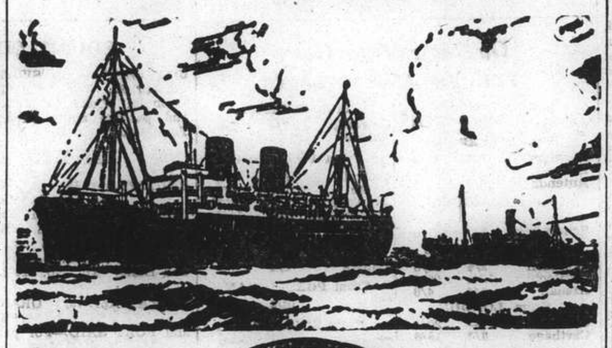

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Apr. 22			D'Artagnan (*)			Apr. 25
Apr. 29	May 2	May 4	Felix Roussel	May. 7	May 9	May 10
May 13	May 16	May 18	Pres. Doumer	May 21	May 23	May 24
May 27	May 30	June 1	ARAMIS	June 4	June 6	June 7
June 10	June 12	June 14	Marec. Joffre	June 18	June 20	June 21

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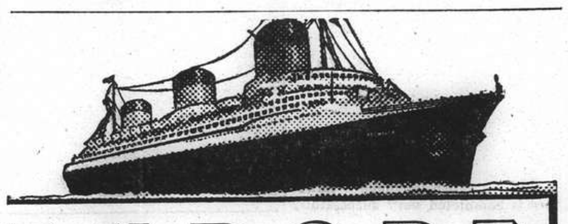

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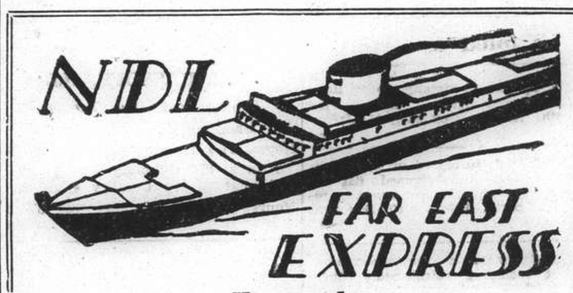

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SHIRTS, Made to measure, new designs. Wemco, $4.50; Duro, $5; Striped Silk, $9. Razon's, 12 Central Road. -3939

Miscellaneous

CARPETS cleaned chemically, 7 cents square foot. Rugs repaired, insured and stored. Esso Company, Telephone 12170. -4249

"PLAGUE of Lust" in classical antiquity (2 volumes) by Doctor Julius Rosenbaum, very rare. Accept $100. Box 2258, N.C.D.N. -4449

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COOK-boy, clean, honest, English cooking, working in doctor's family four years, seeks position. Address Box 2253, N.C.D.N. -4441

COOK-boy, well-recommended, seeks position. Clean, honest, speaks good English, and willing to do anything in the house. Box 2222, N.C.D.N. -4260

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LADY gives general massage, manicure, 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road. Apartment 30, Second Floor. 13631

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THREE-roomed, exceptionally attractive, furnished apartment, large verandah, modern conveniences, moderate rental. Garden Apartment. 1173 Bubbling Well Road, Apartment 17. -4490

FURNISHED or unfurnished flats of two and three rooms, modern conveniences, south exposure. 125 Kiaochow Road, House 7, corner Avenue Road. -4487

FRIEDMAN Apartment. Furnished, four-roomed flat, front row, fourth floor, with two bathrooms, lift service, All modern conveniences. For six months or longer. Apply 106 Ferry Road. Telephone 30094. 14043

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FULLY-furnished 3 big roomed apartment; best part French Concession, 7th floor, ideal for summer. Crockery, china, silver, linen; refrigerator, servant's room. Monthly rent $250. Telephone 71468. -4445

THREE-roomed flat, excellently furnished, self-contained, large verandah. Western vicinity Race Course. $110. Address Box 2200, N.C.D.N. -4323

CAPITOL Building, top floor. Delightfully situated, newly decorated four-room flat from June-November or longer. All modern conveniences, exceptionally cool in summer. References required. Telephone 10181. -3863

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FULLY furnished three-roomed flat. Available May 1. Telephonee 31217, 159/12 Seymour Road. -4469

TO LET, furnished or unfurnished flats of four rooms Kinnear Apartments, 195 Kinnear Road, near Jessfield Park, nice roof and ground gardens. All modern conveniences. Moderate rentals. Apply Hsin Heng & Co., Property Department, 160 Avenue Edward VII, Telephone 15660. 13617

Unfurnished Apartments

TO LET. One and two roomed modern flats in the Wayfoong House. Apply Engineers' Office, Room No. 110, 12 The Bund. 13618

TO LET, 4-roomed flat, Yue Tuck Apartments, 7 Tifeng Road, with 2 bath-rooms, kitchen and servants' quarters, and modern conveniences. Apply the Mutual Investment Co., 89 Foochow Road, Telephone 13974. -4408

BROOKSIDE Apartments, 433 Avenue Haig. Apartment of 4 rooms available. For particulars, apply to Elliott Hazzard, Agent, 33 Szechuen Road, Telephone 10117. -4439

APARTMENT to let, 3 rooms and kitchen, modern sanitary arrangement, central heated, hot and cold water. Corner of Seymour Road, and Avenue Foch. Available May 1. Apply A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd. Telephone 13422. 14012

To Advertisers

The following replies are being held at this office, and the owners of the undermentioned Box numbers are requested to call for same before April 23 after which date they will be destroyed. Nos. 1185, 1212, 1540. 1651, 1690, 1737, 1744, 1758, 1795. 1853, 1927, 1928, 1958, 1964, 2079, 2097, 2108, 2120, 2124, 2129, 2136.

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FIVE-roomed furnished house to let for 6 months or longer. Two bathrooms, two verandahs, small garden, all modern conveniences. Route Frelupt. For particulars Telephone 71570. -4403

FRENCH Concession, on Avenue Haig, newly-built house, vacant May to September. Five airy rooms, two bathrooms, modern furniture, nice garden, garage, Telephone 74867 or Box 2256, N.C.D.N. -4446

TO LET: House 20, Lane 81 Route Kaufmann from May 1 to December 1, furnished, or unfurnished for longer period, seven rooms, two bathrooms, garage and very nice garden. Inspection invited between 10 and 12 a.m., or telephone 75533. 13971

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LOCK up garage, vicinity Honan Road corner and Avenue Edward the Seventh. Address Box 2274, N.C.D.N. 14041

FROM May 1, furnished or unfurnished, two or three-roomed flat or house, with modern convenience, responsible party. $70 to $100. Box 2276, N.C.D.N. -4498

WELL-furnished, two or three-roomed flat including refrigerator, linen and crockery and with garage, from June 1. Address Box 2257, N.C.D.N. -4448

FACTORY site 4-5 mows inside Concession, period 10-15 years, reasonable rent. Address Box 2120, N.C.D.N. -4166

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WANTED for Summer season, Iltis Huk, Tsingtao, five-roomed bungalow with garden. Address Box 2271, N.C.D.N. -4479

HAKONE. Furuya Hotel and private cottages by the lake. Nice views of Mt. Fuji and the lake, quiet and cool in summer. Excellent cuisine, moderate prices. Please make your reservations early. Furuya Hotel, Hakonemachi, Japan.

ISLAND Hotel, Weihaiwei. Escape the prevailing depression by spending the summer months in Weihaiwei. The above hotel provides home comforts, at moderate rates, in the midst of peaceful and beautiful surroundings. 13788

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PRIVATE home, two nice, furnished, south rooms, bathroom, verandah, garden, garage, near St. George's. Quiet locality. Telephone 21769. 14044

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LAND for rent, Area 2.261 mow, on Rue de Furguson, next to House 98. Lease 1 to 5 years. For longer term. negotiable. Apply to Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank, Trust Department, Telephone 12560. 14032

TO LET, suite of offices on 1st floor, corner Canton and Szechuen Roads. Apply Mackenzie & Company Ltd. Telephone 18354. 13621

OFFICE space to let, ground floor, Arnhold Building, approximately 5,000 square feet. For information please apply to Cathay Land Co., Telephone 11430. 13616

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Shanghai, April 15, 1938.

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Vessels Arriving

Due at Future Dates

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GLASGOW		**From TRIESTE**	
Agapenor	15/4 4/6	C. Verde	8/4 2/5
From LIVERPOOL		Arabia	20/3 15/5
Memnon	2/4 11/5	**From PORT SAID**	
Diomed	9/4 20/5	Chitral	6/4 1/5
Antenor	15/4 23/5	Conte	20/3 2/5
From HAMBURG		Frankfurt	5/4 5/5
Aller	23/4 9/6	Gaasterkerk	13/4 14/5
Scharnhorst	7/5 11/6	Burdwan	14/4 16/5
From ROTTERDAM		**From SUEZ**	
Preussen	2/4 22/5	Ramses	3/4 7/5
Antilochus	13/4 25/5	**From PORT SUDAN**	
Assuan	8/4 4/6	Tirranna	16/4 8/5
From LONDON		**From SINGAPORE**	
Glenogle	— 20/4	Mentor	14/4 23/4
Carthage	8/4 15/5	Patroclus	18/4 26/4
From SOUTHAMPTON		Bellerophon	18/4 27/4
Gneisenau	15/4 14/5	**From SOURABAYA**	
From MALTA		Tjisadane	16/4 2/5
Carthage	18/4 15/5		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		**From NEW YORK**	
Tweedbank	7/3 25/4	Lossiebank	7/4 27/5
Bonneville	26/2 25/4	Steel Navigator	— 30/5
M. Maersk	11/3 26/4	C. Kimberley	16/4 14/6
Fairf'ld City	— 30/4	**From KOBE**	
Silverwalnut	— 9/5	Sarpedon	26/4 30/4
C. Derby	20/3 20/5		

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From DURBAN		**From BRISBANE**	
Bontekoe	10/4 13/5	Tanda	16/4 9/5

CHINA PORTS

From TIENTSIN		**From HONGKONG**	
Changon	— 20/4	Neumark	14/4 19/4
Chaksang	— 23/4	Prominent	— 19/4
From TONGKU		Fausang	— 21/4
Shengking	18/4 21/4	C. Lyons	18/4 21/4
From FOOCHOW		Kiangsu	17/4 22/4
Hupeh	17/4 19/4	Sinkiang	18/4 23/4
From HONGKONG		Hunan	19/4 24/4
Emp. Canada	— 19/4	Tsinan	20/4 25/4
		Kingyuan	24/4 29/4

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

BREIVIKEN Apr. 19. TIENTSIN.—For freight apply to Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 19-4

NEWCHWANG Apr. 19. WEIHAIWEI and CHEFOO.—From French Bund on Tuesday, April 19, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-4

HUPEH Apr. 20. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Wednesday, April 20, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 20-4

PROMINENT Apr. 21. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, April 21, at 4 p.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-4

FAUSANG Apr. 23. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, April 23. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 23-4

SHENGKING Apr. 23. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From Bund on Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 23-4

SOUTH CHINA COAST

HANGSANG Apr. 19. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, April 19. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 19-4

HSIN PEKING Apr. 19. NINGPO (Cargo only).—From French Bund on Tuesday, April 19, at 3 p.m. For freight apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 19-4

KIUNGCHOW Apr. 19. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, April 19, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 19-4

TAIYUAN Apr. 20. AMOY, KONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Wednesday, April 20, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 19-4

CHANGON Apr. 22. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Friday, April 22. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-4

SOOCHOW Apr. 23. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, April 23, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 22-4

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

CHAKSANG Apr. 25. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Monday, April 25. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 25-4

STRAITS AND EUROPE

BHUTAN Apr. 19. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co. No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 19-4

SONTAY Apr. 19. ORAN, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, DUNKIRK via ADEN and PORT SAID.—For particulars apply to Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 19-4

POTSDAM Apr. 22. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID. —For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., General-Agents: N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 22-4

D'ARTAGNAN Apr. 25. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 25-4

RAWALPINDI Apr. 26. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Mackinnon, Machenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 26-4

SARPEDON May 1. MARSEILLES, LONDON ROTTERDAM, GLASGOW (via Aden). —For freight and passages apply to Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 1-5

AMERICA

GERTRUDE MAERSK Apr. 19. LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK. For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents: Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 19-4

GLAUCUS Apr. 20. BOSTON and NEW YORK via HONGKONG PHILIPINES, BATAVIA and STRAITS.—For freight and passages apply to Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 20-4

TAI YIN Apr. 24. LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK via PANAMA CANAL.—Barber-Wilhelmsen Line motor vessel Tai Yin sails from Buoys 13-14 on April 24, accepting cargo for all Overland Points. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. No. 11366. 24-4

AUSTRALASIA

NELLORE May 6. SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via (From Hongkong) PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd. No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 6-5

TAIPING May 17. MANILA, THURSDAY I., CAIRNS, (From Hongkong) TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.—Australia-Oriental Line Ltd. Agents. Butterfield & Swire, French Bund. Tel. 82020. 17-4

Vessels Discharging

CORFU. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Corfu, from London and Ports, bringing Cargo ex s.s. Behar, from London.—This steamer is berthing at Nos. 12-13 Buoys and her cargo will be discharged at the Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Pootung Wharf on Saturday, April 23, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 19-4

SOUDAN. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Soudan, from London and Ports, bringing Cargo ex steamer Shadri, from Baghdad and steamer Vatsova, from Busreh. — This steamer discharged her Cargo at the Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Pootung Wharf on Saturday, April 23, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 19-4

Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times.

Date and Destination	*Per*		*Reg.*	*Ord.*
TUESDAY, April 19.				
Tsingtao and Dairen	Hoten M.		7.30	8.00
Weihaiwei and Chefoo ..	Newchwang		9.00	9.30
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Kiungchow		9.00	9.30
Tinghai Haimen Che.	Santarem		10.30	11.00
Ningpo	Hsin Peking		12.00	12.30
Keelung H'kong (Y) Aust. N.Z. (Y) S.S. India (Y)				
Suez (Y) & Europe (Y)	Haruna M.	A	14.30	15.00
Amoy Hongkong Canton .	Taiyuan		18.30	19.00
WEDNESDAY, April 20.				
Aust. N.Z. and Manila ..	E. of Canada		7.15	8.00
Hongkong and Canton	E. of Canada		7.30	8.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Hupeh		8.00	9.30
Weihaiwei C'foo Tientsin	Hupeh		9.00	9.30
Tinghai and Wenchow ..	C. Paolini	K	10.30	11.00
Tinghai and Wenchow ..	Hanna		10.30	11.00
Ningpo	Mohlenhof		10.30	11.00
Formosa via Keelung ...	Hukken M.		17.30	18.00
THURSDAY, April 21.				
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*18.00	7.15
Nanking (Z)	Genko M.	BK	—	—

* The night before.

A Parcel mail for France, Gt. Britain and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 19th.

B Parcel mail for Nanking, closes at 12.00 on 21st.

X Provisional time—subject to alterations.

Y Superscribed correspondence.

Z Parcel only.

Mails for Europe

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin for transmission.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:

ss. Haruna Maru, via Suez, April 19, due London May 22.

ss. Potsdam, via Suez, April 22, due London May 18.

ss. Rawalpindi, via Suez, April 26, due London May 28.

Air Mails Abroad

Imperial Airways and Qantas (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Empress of Canada, 8 a.m. on April 20, due Marseilles and London May 2.

Pan American Airways (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. Potsdam, 8 a.m. on April 22, due San Francisco May 3.

Netherlands (K.L.M.) (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Haruna Maru, 3 p.m. on April 19, due Amsterdam May 3, London May 4.

Air France (Saigon-Marseilles Line) per steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Air France (China-Hanoi-Marseilles Lines) per steamer to Hongkong for transmission via Canton.

Train Mails

Light mails for Nanking close daily at 7.30 p.m.

Light mails for or via River Ports from Anking upwards per available steamer via Canton.

Light mails for or via T.P.R. (north of Tsinan) and North Pinghan per available steamer via Tientsin; for Kiaotsi Line and T.P.R. (south of Tsinan) per available steamer via Tsingtao.

Light mails for or via Lunghai Line and South Pinghan per available steamer via Canton.

Light mails for or via S.H.N.R. per available steamer via Yungkia.

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For or via C.N.A.C. planes on Kiukiang-Hankow-Changsha-Chungking-Chengtu-Hongkong Lines sent to Hongkong for further transmission.

For or via Eurasia Aviation Corporation planes on Sian-Hongkong and Sian-Hanoi Lines sent to Hongkong for further transmission.

Vessels Discharging

JAVA. The Motorship Java, from Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Genoa and via Ports.—The vessel is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for delivery orders and to take immediate delivery of their goods. All claims against the ship must be sent in within seven days after completion of ship's discharge or they will not be recognized. Examination of ship's damaged and broken cargo by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will take place at the above wharf on Friday, April 22, at 9 a.m. All risks of fire at the wharf and in the godowns to be borne by consignees. Agency of The East Asiatic Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 15055. 19-4

DEUCALION. From Liverpool via Hongkong arrived on April 18, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on April 28, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Friday, April 22, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 21-4

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